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Spring Has Sprung At Local Fishin' Hole



THE MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB held its Annual Lunker Derby on April 24th. The annual event is usually the first time at the fishing hole for many local youngsters. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Kristel Harrington, baby Austin Harrington, Mario Maloni, Anthony Maloni, and Wayne Harrington. IN PHOTO BELOW - Ben Colcord, Mike Ratkiewicz, and Katie Ratkiewicz show-off their catch of the day. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



But Appeal Is Likely...

Tuckahoe Turf Settled In Town's Favor

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Nearly a year after the town's acquisition of the Tuckahoe Turf Farm in Feeding Hills touched off a legal battle with a prominent Agawam developer, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson announced the town's victory in court to Town Council at its meeting on Monday, May 2nd.

Recapping the history of the town's attempt to preserve the site as open space, Johnson said that Tuckahoe Development Corporation, headed by the daughter of developer Ralph DePalma, filed a lawsuit last June challenging the town's action in taking the 292-acre parcel by eminent domain (and then purchasing it for \$1.1 million).

DePalma told *The Advertiser News* early Wednesday morning that he was not surprised by the decision of the court.

"Hey, it's not easy fighting city hall. I think everyone knows that. I knew it from day one but I am doing what I believe is right, just as the town is doing what it has to do," said DePalma.

He added, "My rights were violated and I will proceed according to what the law allows."

"I still firmly believe in the American system and the American sense of justice. And as long as there is hope, I will continue to pursue it," said DePalma.

DePalma would not comment on exactly what the next move of he and his attorneys would be, although an appeal to a higher court seems likely.

SEE TUCKAHOE TURF - Page 2...

Remember Mom This Sunday...

Remember your mom on Mother's Day with a floral arrangement or plant from one of the town's many fine florists and farmstands.

Happy Mother's Day to all!!!

IRS Willing To Work With Tax Evaders

Have you put off filing your federal income tax returns? Now is the time to come forward because the IRS wants to help you come back in to the tax system.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is joining forces with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), the American Bar Association (ABA), the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA), and the Massachusetts Society of CPA's to sponsor three statewide Tax Assistance Days - May 17th, 18th, and 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In addition to those dates, the Andover Service Center, 310 Lowell Street, will be holding a tax assistance day, for one day only, Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. State income tax assistance will also be available that day.

The (May 17th-19th) Tax Assistance Sites are: Federal Building/Courthouse, 1550 Main Street, Springfield; Mohawk Mall, 91 Main Street, Greenfield; Federal Building, 78 Center Street, Pittsfield.

"If you plan on coming to one of these sites, please bring any tax records you may have. If you can't find everything, don't worry. You don't need all of your paperwork with you to get started," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Director.

If you have delayed filing your return because you can't find your W-2's or 1099's, the IRS can help you reconstruct your records.

Crowley added, "We recognize there are many reasons why taxpayers have not filed. These reasons include procrastination and fear or inability to pay."

Individuals who voluntarily reenter the tax system, or enter for the first time, will find IRS eager to help them file the necessary tax return.

"IRS is not offering an amnesty program. You will receive penalties and interest unless you can prove reasonable cause. However, we will work out installment payments and offers in compromise to help individuals who cannot pay their liability in full," said Crowley.

Stop by one of our Tax Assistance Sites and take advantage of the free assistance with your overdue returns. For more information or for site locations, call the IRS toll-free taxpayer assistance line at 1-800-829-1040, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TUCKAHOE TURF - from Page 1... Lawsuit Contained Three Parts

Johnson said the lawsuit contained three counts. The first two counts charged that the town acted illegally in taking the property. The third count charged that the town violated the state and federal civil rights of the development corporation by its actions.

After hearing oral arguments in the case at the beginning of March, Superior Court Judge Francis Spina handed down his decision late Monday afternoon.

Johnson reported to the council, "The court has found that the town's taking of the property by eminent domain was proper and further that our exercise of our first refusal rights (in purchasing the property) was proper."

Johnson said the town will file for a decision on the third count of the case within 10 days and should have the court's ruling in 90 days. Johnson was optimistic that the town would win on the civil rights violation charge.

According to him, anyone suing the town government must add a civil rights complaint in order to collect monetary damages. Johnson said, "In virtually 99 percent of the cases, it's just tossed out by the court."

The court's decision brings the creation of the Tuckahoe Recreation Area on the northern section of the property (first proposed by Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas) one step closer to reality.

"This is the best news for the town and the people of Agawam," Bitzas said. "Things are looking very bright and we will have a beautiful athletic complex for everyone to enjoy."

Called Victory For The Town

Bitzas said the court ruling was not just a victory for the Mayor and his administration, but it was in the best interests of the town to have the land forever preserved as open space.

"I'm glad the council didn't back away from the threat of a lawsuit," Bitzas said.

According to Johnson, the town has spent \$750 in legal bills to defend itself against the lawsuit. Johnson said the remainder of the legal costs have been paid by the town's liability policy.

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FireWise

by Fire Chief David Pisano
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The more typical accidents involving flammable liquids happen when:

- Gasoline is used to clean something.
- During the refueling of small engines/motors while they are still hot, or while smoking.
- Applying lighter fluid on a charcoal fire that has already started to burn.

The following guidelines should be used when handling or storing flammable liquids:

- Store in "safety cans" or containers that have been approved for the storage of flammables by Factory Mutual (FM) or Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Store outside the home, away from areas where there are pilot lights or other sources of ignition.

- Use solvents designed for cleaning, always following the manufacturer's recommendations for proper use.

- When refueling any engine, turn it off, allow to cool and extinguish all smoking materials.

Any flammable liquid should be treated with respect in order to prevent accidents. If you have them stored in your home, move your can ... for the safety of your family!

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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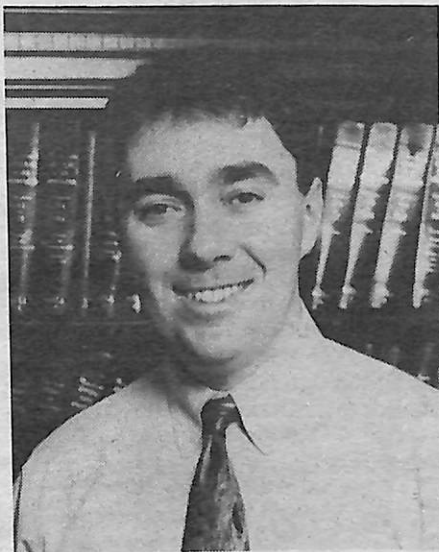
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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Emergency Services Are Second To None

To The Editor:

During my tenure as Mayor, I have come to appreciate the excellent police, fire, and emergency medical services that are provided in Agawam, but like most residents I hoped that I would never need to avail myself of those services. Last week I was involved in a motor vehicle accident, and my appreciation of the Agawam Police and Fire Departments was confirmed first-hand.

I wish to thank all the members of the Police Department for their prompt and professional assistance, especially Officers Steve Draghetti and Stan Chmielewski, Jr. I would also like to thank all the members of the Fire Department for their great work, especially Firefighter/EMTs Randy Cushing and Jose Vasquez.

I would also like to thank Denise Fitzgerald and Pat Lalancette for stopping at the scene and providing initial assistance. Also, many thanks to all the residents who have called or stopped by to urge my speedy recovery. Most of all, I am grateful that no one involved in the accident was seriously hurt, especially the children.

Thank you,
Christopher C. Johnson
Mayor

Parents Support Passage Of Abstinence-Based Curriculum

To The Editor:

The Agawam School Committee met on April 26th. Many of the undersigned attended to show support for an ABSTINENCE-based curriculum in the public schools. Due to the absence of a member of the committee, the discussion and vote was postponed until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the School Committee is on Tuesday, May 10th, at the Agawam Middle School. Citizen Speak Time begins at 7:30 p.m. If you wish to voice your opinion, you must sign-up BEFORE the start of the meeting. Please try to attend; this may be your last opportunity to show support for ABSTINENCE to be taught to our children in the Agawam public schools.

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Charles Van Etten & Debbie Frazzetta
Virginia Ventulett
Alexandra Walters
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Agawam Veterans' Council Again Sponsoring Contests

To The Editor:

Once again this year, the Agawam Veterans' Council, along with the VFW Post 1632 and American Legion Post 185, will sponsor a Poster and Essay Contest as part of the town's Memorial Day observance.

Students from the fifth and sixth grades will participate in the poster contest, while students in grades seven and eight will participate in the essay contest.

As 1994-1995 is the designated time period commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II, the theme for both contests will be "World War II, A Grateful Nation Remembers."

Students will be awarded prizes in the form of savings bonds and certificates of recognition. Prize winning essays and posters will be displayed on the Veterans' Green during our Memorial Day Celebration.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Edward Kellogg
Chairperson, Poster/Essay Contest

Parade Of Politicians Can't Find Elm Street

To The Editor:

H.M.S. Agawam.

Some of our elected ship's officers are trying to decide if they should go for a walk.

No one in America should be guaranteed success. But everyone should have a fair chance to succeed.

This parade of political amateurs with short memories can't even find Elm St., where city firefighters dwell with vexation to the spirit.

These politals carry with them a bundle of answers without positive theories to affront our every day problems.

I hope that these Agawam political hopefuls can promote their own brand of charisma to the political arena of our emperial city of Boston.

What time does the bus leave for Boston? Please drive me to the bus station.

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

School Committee To Vote On AIDS Curriculum

To The Editor:

On Tuesday, May 10th, the Agawam School Committee is scheduled to vote on continuing the AIDS curriculum as suggested by Mr. Ryder. This is an important issue that must be taken seriously. As a parent of two children, it is my responsibility to be informed on what our town is teaching. I have attended most of the meetings with Mr. Ryder and school committee members. I have serious concerns about the proposed condom based curriculum.

There is no questioning that AIDS is a serious problem. However, there were approximately 10 times the number of teenagers killed in alcohol- or drug-related auto accidents last year. Why don't we teach our children how to operate an automobile while under the influence? Shouldn't we teach them defensive driving techniques and instruct them to wear helmets while DWI? (Most deaths in automobile accidents are due to head injuries.)

After all, we know that kids are going to drink and drive, and we need to provide them with every tool available to MINIMIZE the risk of dying. Or, consider the fact that 8,159 teenagers were murdered in 1991. What about classes on the proper operation of handguns for protection. Sounds crazy, doesn't it? Well, so did demonstrating condoms just a couple of years ago.

I have also wondered who is responsible should a student be infected with HIV while having the "Protected Sex" that is discussed in these classes? It would seem that our town and school system will be a prime candidate for legal action. I know that I have heard time after time that "Protected Sex is Safe Sex." Did you know that the program used by Agawam does not have the word abstinence in it once?

It is time for the parents of Agawam schoolchildren to take the responsibility for this sensitive issue back home. The school system should not be instructing OUR children on such a delicate topic. Please attend the meeting on May 10th and encourage the school committee members to vote against the proposed program.

Sincerely,
Larry White, Jr.
Feeding Hills

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sponsored By COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Friday, May 6th

"First Friday Series" to present program by falconer Julie Collier (sponsored by Ag. Cultural Council) At Agawam Public Library 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public

Saturday, May 7th

Town Wide Cleanup (bring work gloves) Agawam High School; meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10th

Agawam Garden Club Mtg. Captain Charles Leonard House 7:30 p.m. Call 786-7783 for more info

Wednesday, May 11th

Support programs for grieving individuals (sponsored by Forastiere Funeral Homes) Free and open to the public, and no pre-registration required; call 733-5311 for specific info on times, places, etc.

Thursday, May 12th

Superintendent's Symposium At AHS cafeteria (open to the public) 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14th

Agawam Town Fair At Perry Lane Park 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Come and enjoy the fun!)



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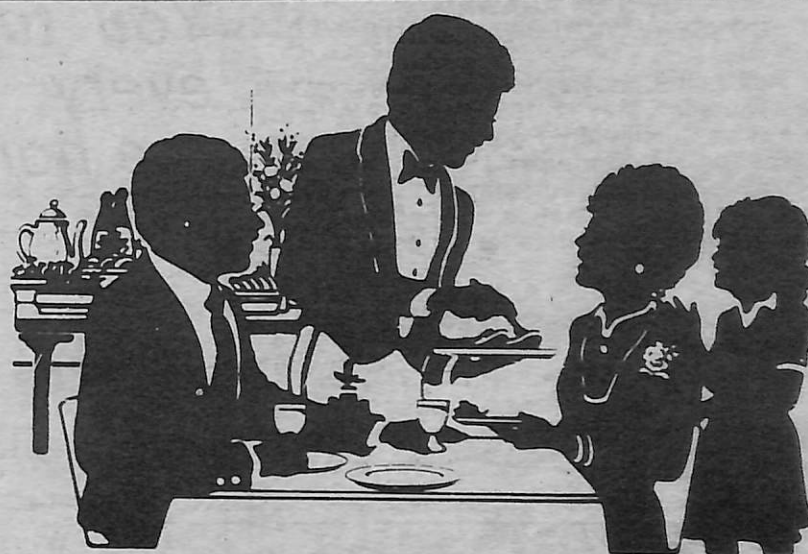


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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Councilor Suffriti Scored For "Snobs" Comment

To The Editor:

Mr. Suffriti has shown a great talent for name calling. (His reference to THE SNOBS of Feeding Hills!) His desire to "BUILD! BUILD! BUILD!" indicates that he also knows how to represent only his interests.

There is considerable merit in expanding the community's tax base; however, not with Mr. Suffriti's attitude of "DAMN THEM ALL!" if they don't agree with him.

I hope by next election "THE SNOBS" of Feeding Hills will see the cellophane qualities of his reasoning.

Ed Ghidoni
34 Oriole Dr.
Feeding Hills

Superintendent Of Schools Not Listening To Parents

To The Editor:

Last week you had an article which indicated that the superintendent of schools is not listening to parents when it comes to some of the school subjects being taught.

You also carried an article where ONE parent complained about a program being presented and it was immediately cancelled. The superintendent along with the School Committee has petitions with more than one name in their hands and they are not listening to the petitioners. Whoever the one parent is, we, the petitioners would like to obtain the signature that moves the superintendent.

Parents have supplied, at their own expense, programs that are abstinence-based; and, in the list of recommendations that the head of our schools has shown us, none of the programs was considered. We have immoral instruction coming from the AIDS program, and the very people we put in charge of our children's well-being while they are at school will not listen to parents.

They continue to teach immorality to our children even when parents have protested against this teaching. The program that they are teaching was removed from the New York City school system by the parents because of its immoral nature. The Governor of New York commended the parents for their action.

Three weeks ago, the Springfield Newspapers had an article where surrounding communities were commended for the work of both the parents and school committees for the hard work that they did to make the school system better. Agawam was not listed.

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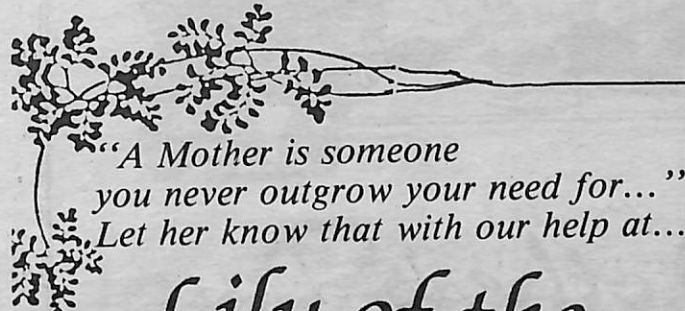
TOWN OF AGAWAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 12, 1994 at 7:00 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Custom Building Specialists for property located on Christopher Lane.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman

Agawam Conservation Commission

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Stu Smith
Agawam

Agawam High Principal Gets Kudos From PTSO

To The Editor:

To Whom It May Concern:

In September of this school year, Mr. Furtado joined the Agawam School System as our new high school principal. Mr. Furtado faces many new challenges as a newcomer to the school system. Faculty and staff, as well as students and parents, have had to adjust to his style of leadership. However, we feel fortunate to have Mr. Furtado at the high school.

During his first year, Mr. Furtado has made many gains. One of his most important accomplishments is the return of the involvement of parents in the high school through his support of the newly created Parents Teachers Students Organization (PTSO). His other accomplishments include the creation of in-house committees to promote curriculum development, student awareness, and staff recognition. Also, he has incorporated all the current educational reform requirements and has established school councils. Moreover, Mr. Furtado provides professional training in education reform for the entire Agawam School System.

In addition to these gains, he has revised the student guide book with the involvement of both teachers and students. Under his leadership, students have become more involved in school activities. Even though he maintains a busy schedule, he still makes time to see students and to attend student activities. Also, he remains involved with the PTSO. Mr. Furtado plans to update the high school library with the latest computer technology such as CD ROM so his students will have the most current information.

We hope that Mr. Furtado will stay on as our principal and that any complimentary remarks will not discourage him. If we call work together and support Mr. Furtado, we can make Agawam High a safe and enjoyable place for our children.

Sincerely,
Agawam High School PTSO
(Parents Teachers Students Organization)

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the hometown news*

Looking
Back...

Compiled and edited by
David C. Gallano

May 1973

MAY 2nd - SCHOOL BOARD WON'T MAKE ANY MORE CUTS IN BUDGET

The School Committee will make no further cuts in the School Budget, despite a request from the Town Council for a 10 percent cut.

The school budget currently represents a 10.9 percent increase over 1972 for 18 months, excluding the expense of the new Junior High School and additions of kindergartens, which were not included in 1972.

Including kindergarten and the new school, the budget represents an 18.7 percent increase.

Frank Locke, School Committee Chairman, told the Town Council Tuesday that the board found the request for further cuts "impossible."

"With salary increments, teacher negotiations, price increases, and inflation, the request could only be fulfilled by closing some of the schools," Locke said.

MAY 3rd - MAJOR INNOVATION PLANNED IN NEW 18-MONTH BUDGET

Town Manager James Westman today revealed highlights of his proposed 18-month budget of \$14.2 million. The total budget breaks down to \$6,409,790 for schools and \$7,409,790 for the town.

Major innovations include elimination of the Board of Assessors in favor of hiring a full-time assessor, a proposal to utilize the basement of Town Hall for expanded police quarters, and hiring a full-time planning consultant and an assistant building inspector.

Also recommended is hiring a policewoman, especially to work with juveniles. Recommendations for the Fire Department include hiring six additional firefighters to cut down on overtime, and \$50,000 to buy a new pumper.

Also included in the town budget is \$121,000 to construct tennis courts, a road, and additional parking areas at the new Junior High School, and about \$50,000 for a data processing system.

MAY 8th - BUDGET HEARING TURNS INTO HOT DEBATE

The Agawam Town Council's public hearing on the town's 18-month budget last night turned into a forum for opponents of the new Town Manager-Town Council form of government.

Some 200 people filled the cafeteria of the old Junior High School on Main Street and cheered and whistled as speakers attacked the process by which the \$14 million budget was prepared.

The budget proposed by Town Manager Westman, if left uncut by the Council, would force a \$7 increase in the town's tax rate, from \$37.40 to between \$44 and \$45.

Attorney John Teahan, a former Town Counsel, questioned the legality of not making a detailed presentation of the budget to the public.

"Under the charter, the Council must provide a complete financial plan and supporting documents, publish a summary of the budget, and make known to the people when and where the whole budget can be seen," Teahan said.

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Please bring a current rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian, and if your dog has been spayed or neutered, bring a certificate or proof that the dog has been spayed/neutered. The price of a dog license is \$4 for a spayed/neutered dog, and \$10 for non-spayed/neutered dogs.

Chapter 140, Section 137 of the Massachusetts General Laws states that all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed every year by the

owner/keeper in the City or Town in which the dog is kept. The penalty for failure to license a dog shall be a fine of \$25 under M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 141.

The City of Agawam will be sponsoring a rabies clinic on May 14th at the Agawam Police Station. The hours of the clinic will be 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and dog licenses may be obtained at the clinic. Please bring dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier. The fee at the clinic will be \$10 per animal.

M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 145B requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Violators of this law shall be punished by a fine of \$50.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 12, 1994 at 7:45 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Pride Convenience Stores, Inc. to perform work subject to the Wetlands Protection Act on Springfield Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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Merchants Upset About Misleading Sign



BUSINESS OWNERS along Main Street are asking for a change to a misleading exit sign off Route 57 West that directs motorists to Main Street and West Springfield. The ramp exits to Main Street, Agawam. West Springfield is more than a mile away and people not from the immediate area often get confused, causing a loss of business. Town Council accepted a petition from the business owners to draft a resolution of support. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Melconian Continues Effort To Crack Down On Welfare Fraud

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is continuing her efforts to combat welfare fraud by cracking down on recipients of welfare benefits who cheat the system.

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology, chaired by Senator Melconian, is studying the feasibility of creating a clearinghouse for information on recipients of public assistance programs throughout the Commonwealth.

This computerized central databank would contain every recipient's vital statistics along with a record of all workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and public assistance benefits awarded to Massachusetts citizens, including Medicaid, Aid To Families With Dependent Children, food stamps, day care, housing assistance, fuel assistance, and emergency aid to elderly, disabled, and children.

The potential legislation would establish uniform reporting requirements for affected state agencies including the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Industrial Accidents, the Department of Employment and Training, the Department of Revenue, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles to assure that the database reflected accurate and updated information.

The bill would also create an interagency task force charged with the responsibility of screening the roles of current recipients for fraud and abuse. Applicants for public assistance would be checked through the database to establish their eligibility for assistance.

The Department of Public Welfare would access the clearinghouse databank to verify an applicant's information. For example, an applicant for AFDC benefits would be screened to determine whether there is an undeclared spouse residing in the applicant's home. State agency offices would be connected to the central databank through an online network.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts must seize opportunities to utilize the latest advancements in telecommunications technology," said Melconian. "The Senate Committee on Science and Technology will play a lead role in creating a systemic approach that will shut the door on perpetrators of welfare fraud and expunge them from the welfare system entirely."

"Tougher sanctions need to be imposed against individuals seeking to profit at the expense of those who are truly in need of help," she continued. "I propose tightening the penalties for individuals cheating the welfare system so that the penalty for individuals cheating the welfare system so that the penalty fits the crime."

"Those adjudicated guilty of welfare fraud should be subject to immediate termination of all public assistance benefits along with a lifetime forfeiture of the right to receive any state benefits from all state administered programs. Welfare cheats must be made to provide restitution to the Commonwealth for all monies fraudulently collected and received."

"I have asked the staff of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology to research the cost of creating the central clearinghouse," said Melconian.

"I believe a two-pronged systemic approach to welfare fraud combining detection of existing fraud with a proactive component to prevent future instances of fraud would provide a healthy return on the initial investment required to get this central clearinghouse up and running."

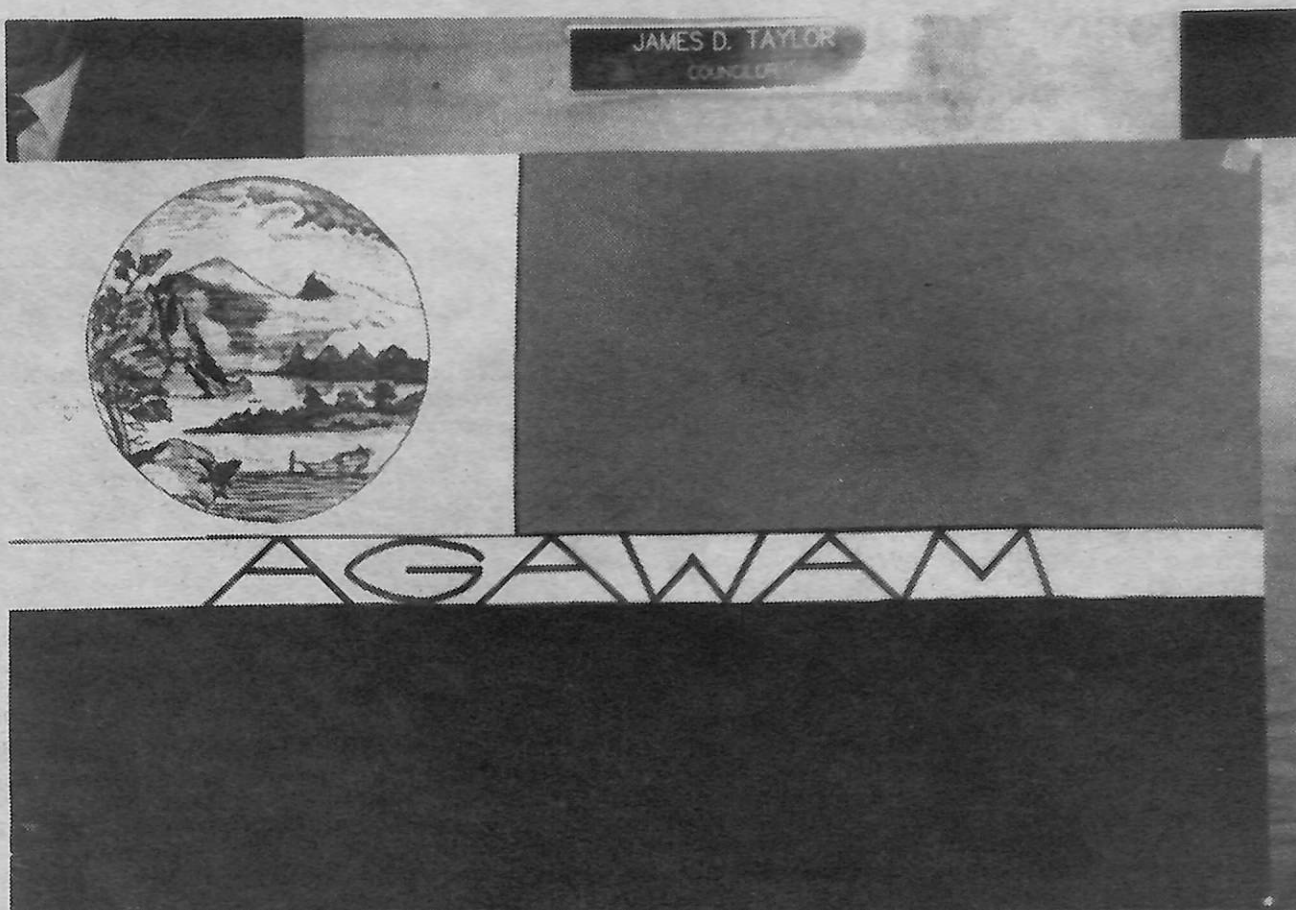
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New Town Flag Unveiled At Meeting



THE NEW FLAG of the Town of Agawam was unveiled at a recent meeting of Town Council. The flag will fly in Boston on Flag Day in June. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN REGARDS TO A DETERMINATION OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR THE RELOCATION OF ROUTE 57 IN AGAWAM AND SOUTHWICK (PHASE II)

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access ramps and a bridge to carry South Westfield Street over Relocated Route 57.

The project is intended to resolve long standing safety and capacity deficiencies in traffic operations and access on existing Route 57 in Agawam, and to provide increased traffic capacity while moving traffic along an east-west corridor.

The Federal Highway Administration expects to issue a determination of a FONSI consistent with 23 CFR Part 771. Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be available for public review for a period of 30 days. The EA can be obtained by calling Thomas Hession, Project Manager for the MA Highway Department at (617) 973-7498.

Written views or comments on the ERA must be received by the Federal Highway administration no later than 30 days from the date of this notice of availability. Your written views or comments should be sent to Mr. Donald E. Hammer, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation Systems Center 10th Floor, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142.

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Boston, Massachusetts

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Zoning Committee Seeking Input At May 9th Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Town Council Zoning Review Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

Chairing the committee, Councilor Jill Simpson is issuing an invitation to town residents and business owners to attend the meeting and give their input on the issues surrounding reform of the town's zoning code.

Mrs. Simpson said she was determined to involve the community in zoning reform after attending the Planning Board's review of the site plan for the proposed McDonald's Restaurant in Feeding Hills Center. Nearly 50 angry residents attended the meeting to protest the plan they say would add to the traffic nightmare at the center, create even more of a safety hazard to the children attending Granger School and the Junior High, and contribute to the commercial sprawl that is destroying the small-town character of the town.

According to Mrs. Simpson, the community as a whole (not just the 20 or so members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Town Council Zoning Review Committee) should have a voice in addressing the future of land use and development in Agawam.

Mrs. Simpson emphasized the importance of business owners who are not residents of Agawam to attend the meeting.

"It's important for business owners, even if they don't live in Agawam, to give us their input. After all, any zoning changes we make would affect them, too," Mrs. Simpson said.

According to Mrs. Simpson, last fall the Town Council voted to accept the findings of a Community Planning Project launched by Town Planner Deborah Dachos and funded by a grant from the state. Nearly 70 community members representing a cross-section of Agawam residents, business leaders, and developers participated in a series of workshops designed to develop a plan for the future of the town.

The committees worked open space and recreation, land use and zoning, as well as schools and other town facilities.

According to the report "Coming Together for Consensus," the first priority for Agawam's future, was to preserve village centers and the historic character of the town and to control traffic and eliminate commercial sprawl.

One of the residents working on the project, Mrs. Simpson said the report should serve as a starting place for the zoning review committee of the town council.

"We should be looking at this document and saying this is what the people want," Mrs. Simpson said. "We should be looking at the zoning part of it so that people won't feel they've wasted their time."

Veterans' Council Plans To Flag Graves

The Agawam Veterans' Council has set plans to flag the graves of Agawam Veterans on Saturday, May 21st (rain date: May 28th).

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, in all cities and towns where there are cemeteries containing the remains of deceased veterans, a United States flag will be placed upon each grave.

The Veterans' Council is encouraging participation in this annual "labor of love." Boys' and girls' scout organizations and interested residents are invited to help. Volunteers will meet at the Agawam Center Cemetery and the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. All help is appreciated.

For further information, please contact any Veterans' Council member or call Veterans Agent Ruth Bitzas at Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

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School Committee Unanimous In Passage Of Fiscal '94-'95 Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On his way to chair the School Committee meeting and the public hearing required before the School Budget can be approved by the seven-member board, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson was involved in a three-car pile-up that sent five people to the hospital on Tuesday evening, April 26th. No one was seriously injured.

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau presided over the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

The School Committee voted unanimously to approve the \$17,098,521 budget as submitted by the School Department.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest said the budget reflected a 7.9 percent increase over last year's spending, more than half

of which (4½ percent) was accounted for by salary increases.

Explaining that about 82 percent of the budget is spent on salaries, Charest said, "We're a people-oriented business."

Charest said the budget is now sent to the mayor for his consideration. The mayor has the option of approving the budget as it stands or he may cut the funding request, but he may not add money to the school budget.

After his review, the mayor will send the budget to the town council, which will have the same options as the mayor in approving or cutting the budget. If the school budget is cut, as the mayor has said he expects it will be, the school department will decide which line items will be trimmed.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street on THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock for all parties interested in the appeal of F.H. VILLAGE LOUNGE, INC. which is seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 180-11, which would allow for more than two pool tables at the premises identified as 1340 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

Published: May 5, 1994

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, on THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock for all parties interested in the appeal of EARLE HANKS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-55, Paragraph C-13 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the storage and scrapping of automobiles and automobile parts at the premises identified as 87 RAMAH CIRCLE SOUTH.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert
Chairman

Published: May 5, 1994

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 12, 1994 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Wiatrowski to perform work subject to the Wetlands Protection Act on Autumn Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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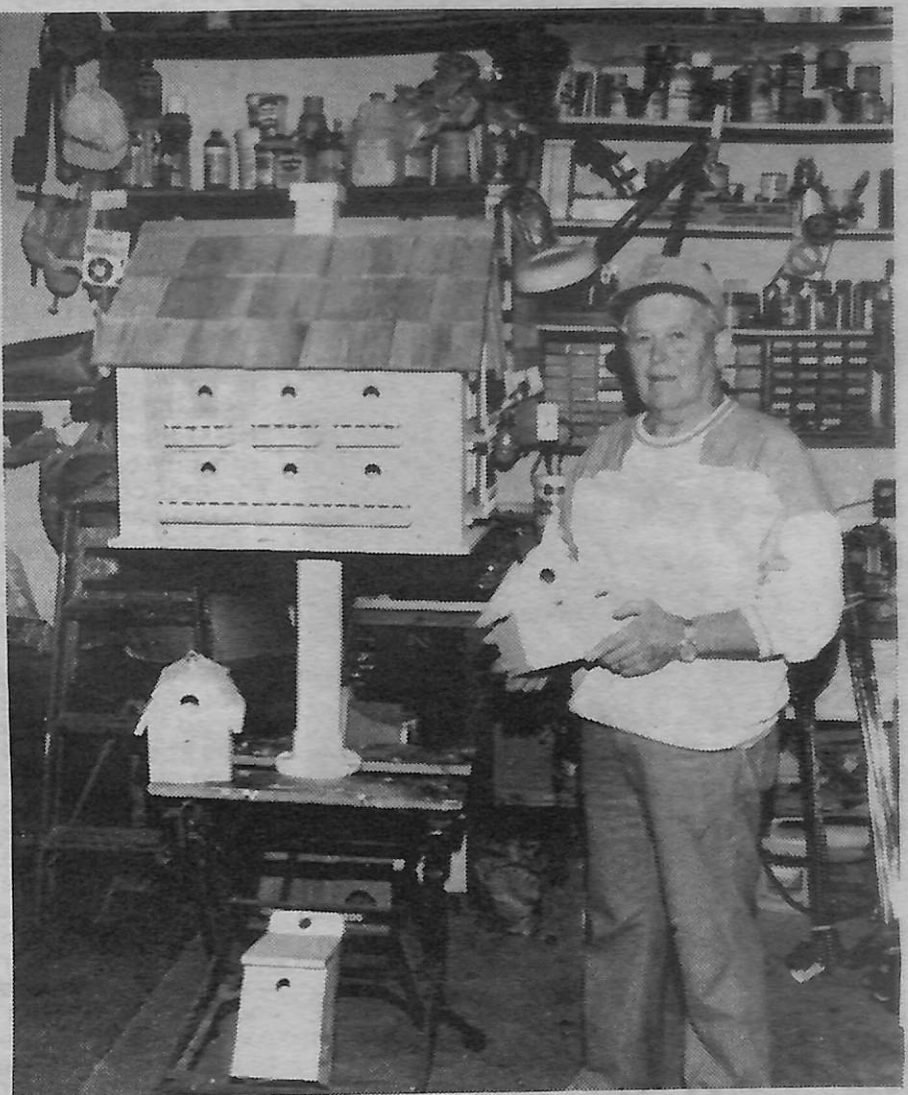
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FIXING GOLF CLUBS and MAKING BEAUTIFUL THINGS of wood are some of the hobbies of George Brown at his Agawam home on Cypress Terrace. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

By George, Wood Comes To Life At Brown's House

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Beautiful wooden objects ranging from birdhouses to furniture emerge from the home shop of George Brown on Cypress Street, Agawam. Brown produces them from design through construction and finishing.

Woodworking is one of George's several hobbies that he attacks with gusto. A retired senior mechanical engineer from the now defunct American Bosch Company, he enjoys every bit of the process of production and is not only knowledgeable but skillful in bringing it all together.

Wood and what can be done with it has always fascinated George. "Growing up in East Forest Park, and when other kids played baseball, I'd go down to Thiebert Lumber Company and hang around," he said in a recent interview. "I'd do odd jobs for them and in turn they would teach me things."

His appetite for learning about building continued when he worked for American Bosch and he moved up the ladder to the senior mechanic rating he held at retirement.

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Lori E. Greene Weds Donald Gallerani

Agawam residents Lori E. Greene and Donald Gallerani were united in matrimony during an 11:00 a.m. ceremony on April 9th, 1994, at St. John's Church in Agawam. Father John Scheaffer performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Philip A. Greene of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Arthur and Janet Gallerani, also of Agawam.

Mrs. Cynthia Hersey served as the matron of honor. Serving as best man was Richard Gallerani.

The bride is a graduate of West Springfield High School and Westfield State College (1988). She is currently employed as an Agency Operations Manager by IRM Insurance Agency, Inc., in Springfield.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College (1990). He is a member of the Agawam Police Department, currently serving as the D.A.R.E. officer.

Turnverein Elects New Directors

The Springfield Turnverein recently conducted its election of the Board of Directors for the coming two years.

They are as follows: President, Paul Dithrich; First Vice-President, Kurt Walther; Second Vice-President, Amy Weber; Secretary, Shirley LaBaff; Treasurer, Walter Pistel; Financial Secretary, Linda Pajak; Business Chairman, Alan LaGrange; Property Chairman, Kenneth Connor; Auditor, Martin Schriener; Entertainment Chairperson, Christa Strehl; Editor and Publicity Chairperson, Wilma Gillan.

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GEORGE BROWN - from Page 11...

But George is George - and his natural need to create and produce continued and flowed over into home centered projects. A two car garage and basement paint shop are his work areas and he admits he can get lost for hours in them.

Work Space By Day, Garage By Night

Three sides of the garage contain shelves with parts, tools, and equipment. It has heat and air conditioning and is totally insulated, including the doors. The heat is from vents George built into the house that are plugged in warm weather. The entire center of the garage gives ample work space during the day, but houses the cars at night.

Planes, vises, sanders, drill press, table saws, etc. line the walls and an electric plane is his newest tool. He has made or improvised some of his equipment.

Several bird feeders and houses are on display, one of them a 16 apartment-style of several floors with tiny balconies outside each little entrance. The roof comes off and one can look down into the compartments.

One of these complexes painted slate blue with white trim is in Brown's backyard and it is completely occupied, Brown said. Nearby is a feeder with a tray beneath it to catch the spill and prevent lawn spoilage. They stand about six- to 6½-feet above ground and are on white plastic poles. Other designs are for one family and are shaped like cottages or barns. They are made to come apart and Brown said they should be cleaned out every fall.

Brown, who designed and made the cupolas on the Friendly's Ice Cream Shop buildings, has also made commercial wood furniture. An 11-foot long hutch of knotty pine he made is in the dining room of Shaker Farms Country Club.

A unique design he is proud of is a cat house with sleeping compartments (one above the other spaced with white plastic poles). Below the sleeping sections is a flat floor, sort of a rest area or patio. The structure is covered inside and out with blue carpeting and the white roof trim is an oriental pagoda style. "One cat will not sleep in another's house," Brown said, "nor allow another cat through the round entrance into his."

A picture album of articles George has made is in the garage for inspection. Photos are of:

- Grandfather clocks for which he made cabinets and installed the mechanics;
- A wood chest with glass doors and shelves for displaying collectables;

- Six foot tall ornamental wells, the base made from 2x4 pressured wood bricks;
- Wooden planters;
- A staircase that he designed with a 30-degree turn that George called a challenge;
- A black oriental style laquered cabinet for displaying dishes trimmed in highly-polished brass decor;
- An entertainment center also done in oriental black lacquer.

Restoring damaged articles is another facet of the work and George is completing a wood glider that a friend wanted restored because it belonged to her grandmother. It consists of a wood platform with benches facing each other, and it glides back and forth on rollers beneath the platform. Asked if he had trouble finding appropriate rollers, George said, "No. I made them!"

Making articles for left-handed folks is another specialty. George showed a chest of drawers for a child with the door to the hanging clothes rack on the left and the drawers on the right. Space for toiletries on top was on the left also, opposite from the usual.

Custom Made Golf Clubs

Of course, there are golf clubs for left-handed people also, and repairing and custom-making golf clubs is another of George's interests. He and his wife of 53 years, Ella, have been golfers for years. Repair jobs done unsatisfactorily to their clubs naturally led to George learning to do it himself. Ella's clubs was the first set he refurbished.

Golf club grips and shafts peek out of cubby holes at the rear of the garage shop. George measures each person for correct shaft length and one has a choice of grips and heads. Repairing clubs is inexpensive, George said, and the golfer can choose from 37 colors, including metallic, for the woods.

He takes a lot of care and pride in the sanding and shaping of the wood heads, as well as the beautiful finishes, the golfer getting the benefit of George's 26 years of experience.

Some of his hand-hewn items have been on sale at different times at such local shops as the Carpet Shed and the Agawam Public Market.

When not working in the shop, George is apt to be helping other members of the family with their activities. The family has lived in Agawam for 22 years, and the Browns are parents of Patricia Maggio and Kathleen Billideau of Enfield, and George R. Jr., of Westfield. There are nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Heritage Hall Fashions



A FASHION SHOW was held recently for the residents' enjoyment at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. From left - Italia Baldini, Louise Longey, and Judy Walker from "Fashions To You." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

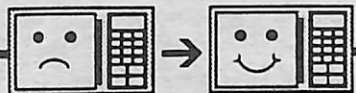
Agawam Garden Club To Meet May 10th

The Agawam Garden Club will meet Tuesday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The program for the evening is a plant swap and penny auction. Try to bring your most unusual perennials, the rare, or unique. If you do not have perennials, houseplants are good. Unused gloves, retired spade, special vase, what can you think of?

Best of all, bring yourself, bring a guest, join the fun! The gardening season has begun! The public is invited, and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The club's annual plant sale will be May 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (rain or shine) on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House. For questions or additional information, contact Denise, president, 786-7783.



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Both mothers and women role models are being remembered with special gifts and cards, according to Robert McElligott, owner of Surprise! Card & Gift Shop, a Hallmark Gold Crown store located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street, Agawam (next to Big Y).

McElligott says customers are looking for special items for various women in their lives. In addition to gifts and cards specifically for "Mom" and "Mother," a wide selection of feminine items

are appropriate for other special women who fill the mothering or mentoring role.

In addition to traditional Mother's Day cards for both "Mom" and "Mother," Surprise! Card & Gift has cards for other important women. One card, for example, says, "For my 'other mother' ... Happy Mother's Day from someone who will always be grateful for your enthusiasm, your encouragement, and your love." And another says, "On this day for honoring women who are important in our lives, I just want to say thanks."

A lasting memento or gift has become a Mother's Day tradition, McElligott says. For example, one unique gift item that provides lasting memories is the silver flowers bracelet. The bracelet bears a message about the meaning of giving flowers to serve as a remembrance of the sender.

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Volunteers Sought For Various Positions At Heritage Hall Nursing Home

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is currently recruiting volunteers for the following positions:

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Heritage Hall Recognizes Volunteers



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held its Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet at Chez Josef a few weeks ago. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Laurie Provost, Brenda Marsian, Sue Gosselin, and Reverend Leonard Cowan. BOTTOM PHOTO - Mary, Jan, and Fern Martin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Community Grange Schedules Annual Ziti Supper For Saturday, May 7th

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold its third Annual Ziti Supper on Saturday, May 7th with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Grange hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

The menu will include ziti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade pastries, coffee, tea, and milk. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Reservations can be made with Hannah Binns at 786-4052 or with Florence Blish at 786-6172.

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Present for the celebration were their four children and spouses; Diana and Robert Tetreault of Feeding Hills, Larry and Doreen Cross of Agawam, Cynthia and Donald Parisien of Feeding Hills, and Susan and David Macko of South Hadley.

Also joining in were grandchildren Eric, Brian, Richard, Valerie, Nicholas, and Julie. (Jacob and Marissa stayed at home with Grandma and Grandpa Macko so as not to enliven the atmosphere too much!)

To complete the celebration, the couple traveled to Ogunquit, Maine for an extended weekend at the Sparhawk Resort, followed by a trip to New York to visit some friends from 40 years ago. After that, they made a visit to Niagara Falls, where they first had honeymooned.

Friends Of Agawam Senior Center To Hold Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 15th, at the Agawam Senior Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The cost of tickets is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 10 years of age.

Tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center and will be available at the door the morning of the breakfast. Tickets and information may be obtained from "Friends" board members Lil Doyle, Desiree Jacobs, Mary Leahy, Jim Griffin, Barbara Gingras, Tom Leahy, Nellie Matthias, Vi Presz, or Joanne Willis.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help purchase a large screen video projector for movies and educational programs at the Agawam Senior Center.

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Agawam Obituaries

Stella V. Mish

Stella V. (Victor) Mish, 75, of 214 Springfield Street, Agawam, a local silversmith for more than 50 years, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She and her husband, Edward T. Mish, owned and operated Edward T. Mish Silversmith in Agawam. They began the silversmith business here in 1950 and previously operated a silversmith shop in Wilbraham for seven years.

Together, the couple developed Mish's Silver Polish, first used at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts during the 1950's. It is used in museums and public collections both in this country and abroad, such as the Museum of Fine Arts in New York, the White House and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the Wolfson Museum in Jerusalem, Israel.

She also exhibited this polish at many regional fairs, including the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield for 31 years and the New York State Fair at Syracuse.

She was born in Jenners, Pa., and lived in Wilbraham for many years before moving to Agawam in 1958. She was a past secretary of the Agawam Democratic Women's Club and was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

Besides her husband of 50 years, she leaves three daughters, Veronica I. "Ronnie" Mish of Amherst, Paulina M. Zuffoletti of South Hadley, and Carolyn C. Buehler of Woburn; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 346 Franklin Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Silvia DePalma

Silvia (Mercadante) DePalma, 81, of 58 Highland Ave., Agawam, died at home. She was born in Canton, Ohio, moved to Italy as an infant, returned to this country and settled here in 1953.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. She leaves her husband of 56 years, Giuseppe DePalma; three sons, John,

Ralph, and Nick of the Feeding Hills section; four daughters, Gina Binincasa of Stonebrook, L.I., N.Y., Josie Heim, and Geri Tirone of the Feeding Hills section, and Ann M. Gallagher of Agawam; a sister, Irma DePalma of Avellino, Italy; 20 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam, and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, 01104.

George Lavoie

George J. Lavoie, 84, formerly of 886 Main Street, Agawam, a former co-owner of the Plainfield Street Market in Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

He co-owned the market from 1934 to 1969. Before that, he was a machinist for area companies.

Born and schooled in Springfield, he settled in Agawam in 1970. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He was a friend of the Agawam Senior Center, and a member of Le Club Francais in Springfield, and the National Retail Grocery Store Owners Association.

His wife, the former Edna M. Cote, died in 1982.

He leaves a daughter, Annette M. Lavoie of West Springfield; a brother, Alfred J. of Springfield; a grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at the St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery in Enfield, CT.

Cecil J. Cummings

Cecil J. Cummings, 104, of 497 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired employee of WICO Electric Co., died at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He was previously an area salesman for Cadillac and Pierce Arrow cars.

Born in Northfield, he was a longtime resident here. He was a former deacon of the Agawam

Congregational Church, and a member of the church's Merriweds.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, the former Phyllis M. (Meserve); a daughter, Louise Cecilia McGarvey of Daytona Beach, Florida; and a brother, Clyde of Greenfield.

A memorial service was conducted in the Congregational Church, with burial at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Congregational Church memorial scholarship fund at 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Caroline T. Rueli

Caroline T. (Izzo) Rueli, 66, of 350 South Street, Agawam, a retired bookkeeper at the Salvation Army Citadel in Springfield, died at the Holyoke home of her daughter, Andrea C. Mastroianni.

During World War II, the decedent worked at the former Springfield Armory.

Born in Springfield, she was a 1944 graduate of the city's High School of Commerce. She lived in Agawam and Chicopee, and then returned to Springfield. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, Frank A. Rueli, died in 1992.

Mrs. Rueli leaves a son, Frank A. Jr. of Agawam; another daughter, Laura Rueli-Rilla of Lee; a brother, Vincent B. of West Springfield; two sisters, Vera Boudreau of Agawam and Sue Cavanaugh of Chicopee; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, May 5th, at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946.

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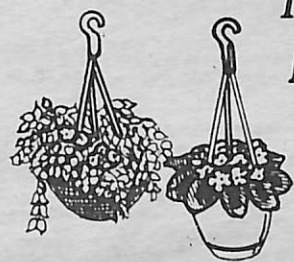
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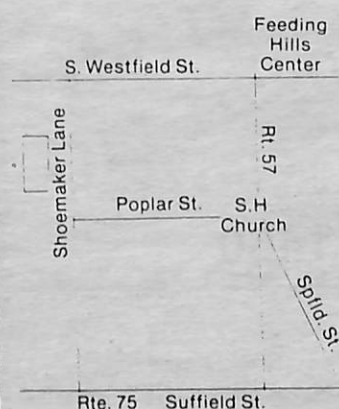
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Ida E. Keyes

Ida E. (Beltrandi) Keyes, 93, formerly of 29 Springfield Street, Agawam, a retired 30-year sales clerk for Steiger's, died in a Wilbraham nursing home. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she came to the United States in 1905 and moved to Agawam in 1914.

She previously worked at Westinghouse. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her husband, Dwight Keyes, died in 1933.

She leaves four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson.

One son, Henry Savioli, died in 1979, and another son, William Savioli, died in 1992.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Jean Woodford

Jean (Blood) Woodford of Old Church, Virginia, died Tuesday, April 26th, 1994. She was a former resident of Agawam, graduating from Agawam High School in 1940.

She was a member of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, where she signed for the deaf. She was a registered nurse with the DuPont Co. in Virginia, and a past Matron of Betsy Ross Chapter No. 90 (O.E.S.).

Her husband, John, died in 1990.

She leaves three daughters, Holly McDonald of Alabama, and Cheryl Curlee and Renee Hughes of Mechanicsville, Virginia; a son, Jon of Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

Interment was at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield, MA.

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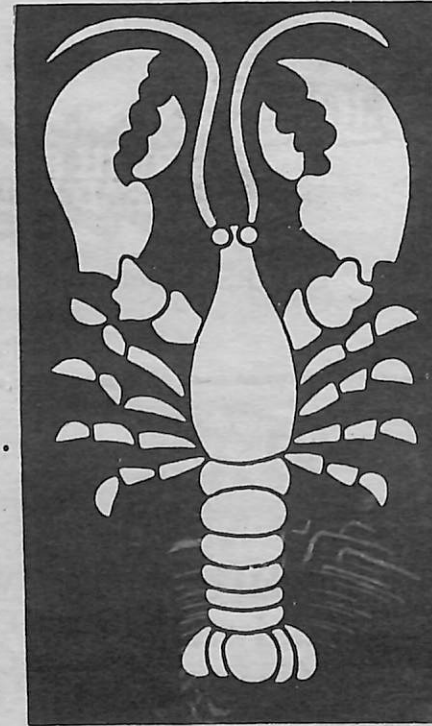
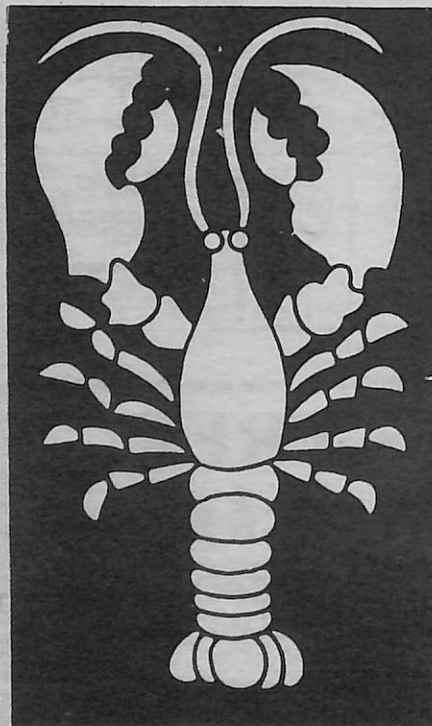
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The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School and Westfield State College and is currently employed at Baystate Medical Center.

The groom-to-be graduated from West Springfield High School and Technical Career Institute and is currently employed as an auto technician at Lee Mylex in West Springfield.

A June 4th wedding date has been set.

Retirement Party To Be Held In Honor Of Ben McCullough

The Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association will hold a retirement party in honor of Ben McCullough on Saturday, May 21st. The party will run from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at Ferruccio's Banquet House, 1520 Main Street, Agawam.

The meal will be chicken or roast beef, and donations are \$20 a person. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by a disc jockey.

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Jeri Lynn Cocchi Of Molta Real Estate Has Baby Girl, Corinna

Molta Real Estate, Inc., wished to extend congratulations to Jeri Lynn and Steven Cocchi on the birth of their daughter, Corinna Elizabeth Cocchi. Weighing in at seven pounds, three ounces, Corinna was born April 29th. This is the couple's first baby.

An agent in Molta's Agawam office, Jeri is feeling great and plans to return to work in a short time.

Again, welcome to Corinna from all the staff at Molta Real Estate, Inc.

Kids Can Make Mother's Day Crafts At Agawam Library

Kids aged three and up are invited to come to the Agawam Public Library anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th, to create a craft for Mother's Day in the library's hallway.

Bring along an adult in case you need some finishing "touch-type" help. Call 789-1550 or stop by the library at 750 Cooper Street to reserve a kit for this program.

Stanley Park Again Site Of Annual Gardening Workshop

Stanley Park of Westfield will once again this year host its annual Saturday morning Gardening Workshop Series. Throughout the 1994 growing season, a series of 10 workshops will be hosted by Park Director Mark Lavoie and award-winning Horticulturist Pernell Gerver. Six of these workshops will be monthly events focusing on general gardening topics.

The monthly "how-to" workshops will cover all areas of gardening, guiding you through the growing season from start to finish. Whether your gardening interests are vegetables, fruits, herbs, perennials, annuals, roses, trees, shrubs, or lawns, these workshops will offer tips and ideas for everyone. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions for the Question & Answer session included in each workshop.

These monthly workshops will be held Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the sheltered Pavilion on May 14th, June 4th, July 9th, August 6th, September 3rd, and October 1st. Four workshops will feature special guest speakers.

The first one will begin on June 25th with David J.A. Smith presenting a program titled "Perennials Through the Seasons." For 36 years, David was Director of Horticulture at the famous White Flower Farm in Litchfield, CT.

On July 23rd, there will be "Rare and Unusual Herbs" with Cyrus Hyde. Hyde is a much sought-after authority on herbs and their uses. Hyde is founder and owner of Well-Sweep Herb Farm, a garden, nursery, and mail-order business in Port Murray, New Jersey. Hyde will focus on both common and rare herbs and their various uses including culinary, historical, medicinal, and craft.

On August 20th, "Travels of the Victory Garden" with Bob Thomson of PBS' "Victory Garden" show will take you on a whirlwind, worldwide tour of beautiful gardens visited by the "Victory Garden" in his slide presentation.

Corinne Willard will be the last speaker with her program titled "History of the Garden Seed Trade" on September 17th. Corinne is a knowledgeable historian of America's early seed companies and will present her unique perspective of the garden seed trade of the past. Corinne Willard herself was owner of an historic seed company—the 174 year-old Comstock, Ferre & Co.

For additional information about Stanley Park's Gardening Workshop series, ask for Mark Lavoie or Jill E. Moretz at (413) 568-9312.

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Wednesday, May 11th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, May 12th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

Friday, May 13th: Baked fish, rice pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, mixed fruit.

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Administrator Thanked Veterans' Groups Remember President Nixon



IN HONOR of Long-Term Care Nursing Home Administrator Week, the residents and staff of Heritage Hall North Building wish to acknowledge Regina Bossig for all her support and encouragement. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN RESPECT TO former President Richard M. Nixon, local veterans' group on April 24th lowered the flag on the American Legion grounds to half-mast. Members of the National Guard 1104th Infantry in Agawam are pictured with Mass. American Legion official Richard Kennedy and local American Legion Commander Mario L'Archeveque and Adjutant Glenn Seymour (both next to flag pole).

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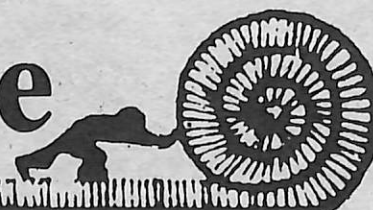
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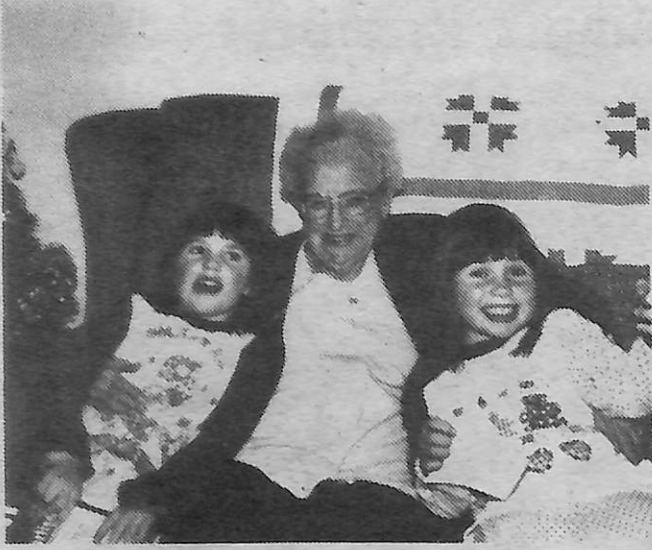
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Ethel Dugan Celebrates Her 95th Birthday

In 1917, an 18 year-old girl from New York City arrived in a small farming community in Western Massachusetts and called it "home." Ethel Dugan is celebrating her 95th birthday this week and she still calls Agawam "home."

Dugan was born Ethel Schmidt on May 9th, 1899. She left her parents in New York City and joined her older brother, Harry, to work at the former American Bosch Company in Springfield in 1917 in the midst of World War I. Dugan's job was to examine shell casings that were later used by American soldiers on the battlefields of Europe.

While employed at the "Bosch," she met John Dugan, who would later become Agawam's first full-time fireman at the old North Agawam station. They were married May 3rd, 1920 in the Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield. They had two sons, George and John (Jackie). Dugan was also employed for many years at the former Worthy Paper Company on Walnut Street in Agawam (it later became the Strathmore Paper Company). She retired in the mid 1960's.

For many years, Ethel, John, their children, and other members of the Dugan family shared two two-family houses on Walnut Street in Agawam that they called "Dugan's Alley." Dugan and her family later moved to High Street.

According to Dugan's granddaughter, Kathryn Deblois, Dugan is a wonderful cook and her home was always "the" family gathering place for holidays and Sunday dinners. Dugan's husband of 61 years died in 1981, but she would remain in her High Street home until moving to the former Danahy School several years ago (where she is still living independently). The school was renovated and is now an apartment complex for the elderly; Dugan was one of the first tenants to move in.

Dugan has two other grandchildren, Michael and Nanette, and six great-grandchildren, but she is "Nana" to many. According to Deblois, every Wednesday night is "Nana night." Dinner out is usually on the agenda, along with shopping for food or for fun.

Deblois looks forward to these nights with her "Nana" as much as Dugan does. Dugan attends Mass at St. Theresa's in Agawam and still plays pinochle with the same group of women she started with more than 50 years ago.

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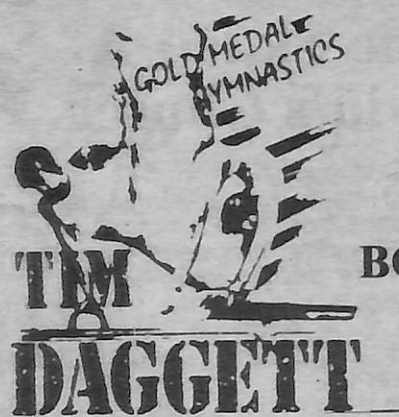
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Community Grange Recognizes Outstanding Citizens



AGAWAM TOWN NURSE MARIALYSE L. RIVERS (center) receives the Community Citizen Award from Community Grange members Florence Blish and Joan Comee; IN PHOTO RIGHT, longtime Grange member Naidia King (center) also received a special honor from Florence Blish and Joan Comee. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Church News

Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

This Sunday, May 8th, at its 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will celebrate a special Mother's Day service honoring all mothers. All women will receive a flower following the Worship Service.

Also, a Youth Communion will be celebrated downstairs at 9:30 a.m. for the seventh through 12th grade students.

The 456 Club (fourth through sixth graders) have a movie night planned for Friday, May 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All fourth through sixth graders are welcome. Bring a friend!

A New Member Class continues on Wednesday, May 11th, at 7:35 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the Agawam Congregational Church is welcome to attend.

An Acolyte Training Session for grades two through seven will begin Saturday, May 7th, at 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes light the candles for the church's Worship Service and bring out the "Light of Christ" to the world following the Worship Service.

The family outreach ministries is planning a family bus trip to Fenway Park to see the Boston Red Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday night, May 15th. Tickets are \$18.50.

The excursion will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. For tickets and more information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

The Annual Friendship Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Softball games are scheduled at 2:00 p.m. at Phelps field.

Following the games, a picnic will be held back at the church at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy a great day of games, goodies, and fellowship.

Mark your calendars today! The church's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 11th through 15th. Registration will begin on Sunday, May 15th.

Call the church office at 786-7111.

The Agawam Congregational Church's fourth annual Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the St. Anne Country Club.

You turn our pages every week for all the local news

"456 Club" Hosts Staff From Open Pantry

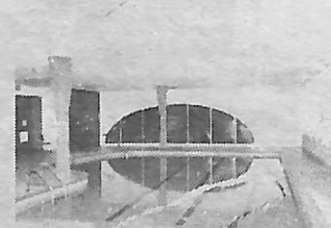


MEMBERS OF THE "456 Club" at the Agawam Congregational Church, the junior and senior high youth groups, hosted six members of the Open Pantry staff, including, (TOP PHOTO, from left) - Patrick J. Kearney, Nathaniel Motley, Linda Nummy, Diane Crowell, Nola Foley, and Ellian Sanchez. After sharing dinner, the junior and senior youth groups built a cardboard shelter to spend the night in the elements (similar to homeless people). The junior and senior "456 Club" is pictured below. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Church News - continued...**News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

This week, Reverend Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "To Know, Know, Know You." Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

May 8th will be Open Pantry Sunday. Please bring clothing and groceries to church with you for donation to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9th.

The Stewardship/Missions Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

Baked ham will be served for the 40-plus noon luncheon on May 11th. Reservations in advance are requested.

The Thursday Evening Discussion Group will not meet Thursday, May 12th, because there is a Deacon's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Join the 21-Plus Club for a springtime outing on Saturday, May 14th, to Mystic Marinellife Aquarium. Sunday, May 8th is the last day to sign up. Call the church at 786-5061 for more information.

The Ladies Benevolent Society has cancelled its scheduled Annual Meeting and Luncheon for Saturday, May 14th.

Thought For The Week

Woody Allen said, "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve it through not dying." As with most successful humor, it's the element of truth in Allen's words which makes his statement work. It is a common and healthy sentiment to hope that others will remember us if for no other reason than that we haven't gone anywhere.

Sadly, many of the venerated figures of the past couple of generations express an entirely dif-

ferent sentiment - "Live fast, live hard, die young, and leave a beautiful memory"; "Don't fear the Reaper"; or, as the latest casualty of pop culture, Kurt Cobain, wrote in his suicide note, "... so remember, it's better to burn out than to fade away." At least one of Cobain's many distraught fans took his words to heart and followed him into oblivion.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." It's a sign that things are heading off track when the examples of Cobain and Morrison and Joplin and Hendrix and Parsons and so many others begin to hold more appeal than the call to life, abundant life, that God has broadcast to us through Jesus Christ.

Christ has covered all our sins. It is not the souls of our young that we must struggle to save. Our message and our actions must demonstrate instead that it is their lives that are valuable and unique and irreplaceable.

The music of Cobain and the others will live on, as it should. Their talent was undeniable. Their tragedy is that their self-destructiveness kept them from enjoying their gifts, producing more with their greatness, and leading others to their own abundance. When a Cobain passes, we all lose.

The church must do a better job of getting out the Good News. The first step to immortality is, as Allen suggested, through not dying, but through living and living abundantly as God intended.

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Rev. Robert Murray On Return Visit To Valley Community

Valley Community Church Congregational is pleased to announce the return "visit" by Reverend Robert Murray.

Reverend Murray will be back during the weekend of May 7th and 8th. During this short visit, he will be performing a wedding on Saturday and conducting the church service on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Murray has almost completed one year of his two year sabbatical in West Virginia, where he is a minister at the First Congregational Church.

Used Organs Available At St. David's Church

Two used electronic organs (each with two keyboards and full pedals) are available at St. David's Episcopal Church, to anyone willing to remove them and make a suitable donation to the church building fund.

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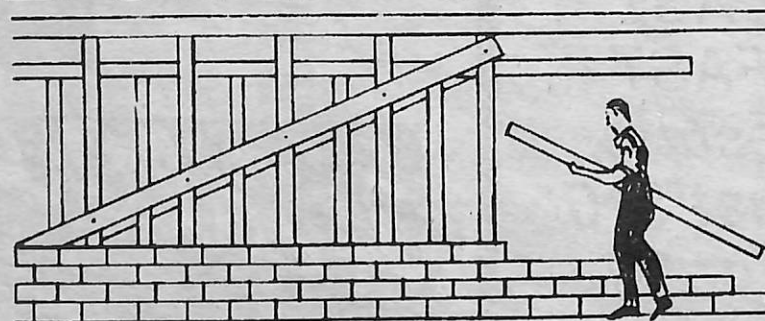
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Church News - continued...**Craft Show Held At Agawam Congregational**

VOLUNTEERING THEIR SERVICES at the recent Craft Show at the Agawam Congregational Church are Dot Randolph and Dot Brown. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held a Craft Show in the Church Hall a few weeks back. **IN TOP PHOT**, from left - Judi Brosseau, Cheryl Perkins, and Jeremy Brosseau, **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Melanie Sapelli of Agawam shows off decorative baskets and wreaths. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Rummage Sale Slated At Methodist Church For Saturday, May 21

Agawam United Methodist Church is having a rummage sale on Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Donations of clothing, home accessories, and more are being accepted. For further information, please call Mrs. Frances Fearn. The church is located on 495 Mill St., across from the Agawam High School.

Message from the pulpit of Agawam United Methodist Church on Mother's Sunday: There was a photographer who had wanted to take a picture of the most beautiful person in the world. He went out early in the morning and went to a wedding ceremony.

He saw a brand new couple walking out of the church. They looked so happy and beautiful. He took the picture of them. Then he went around and met a victorious general coming back from a battle field. He took the picture of him.

He went along and met a lot of people, such as a famous actor, a well known politician, a gifted writer, and so on. However, no face could fulfill his dream.

Being disappointed and tired from working all day, he came home late at night. His mother was still waiting for him. There in her smiling face, he found the profound love and beauty in her face.

Ag. Congregational Church Slates Spaghetti And Meatball Supper

Hear ye, hear ye! Mark your calendars today! Save Thursday, May 19th, for the spaghetti/meatball supper to be held at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$5.50 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 years of age, and a \$4.50 "special" for senior citizens.

The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, butter, dessert, coffee, tea, or milk.

Call the church office at 786-7111 for reservations between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; call 786-7231 during the afternoon hours.

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Church News - continued...**Valley Community Lists Events For Month Of May**

Valley Community Church Congregational has announced the following calendar of events for the month of May.

Sunday, May 1st: 10:00 a.m., Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Sunday, May 8th: 10:00 a.m., Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle); The Reverend Robert Murray returns for this service.

Saturday, May 14th: "Community famous" Chicken Supper. Servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th: 10:00 a.m., Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Sunday, May 22nd: 10:00 a.m., Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Sunday, May 29th: 10:00 a.m., Church Service and Sunday School; Junior Sermon for children by Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Church services are conducted by the Reverend Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister, who can inspire your faith and touch your heart with hope. Our doors are always open to one and all.

Valley Community Church Congregational Church is located HIGH ON A HILLTOP at 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills.

Rosary Altar Society To Hold Banquet

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills would like to invite its members to the annual banquet. This special evening will be on Tuesday, May 10th.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m., with new members being installed at this time. The banquet portion of the evening will be held immediately following the Mass; it will be held at the Casa Di Lisa on Springfield Street.

Tickets will be on sale following the Masses this weekend and during the week at the rectory. The price of each ticket is \$17 and must be paid for at the time of reservation. The deadline is after the last Mass on Sunday, May 8th.

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Operation Friendship Seeking Families For 1994-96 For Traveling, Hosting

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship is looking for families for the 1994-1996 hosting and travel groups.

Operation Friendship is a non-profit, all volunteer organization whose purpose is to encourage international friendship and understanding among youth and adults, both foreign and domestic.

Membership in Operation Friendship is open to youth 13-21 years of age without qualifications as to color, creed, sex, or national origin. It is a two year family commitment. The first year is to host a European youth in your home; the second year a chance to travel to one of the seven European countries involved in Operation Friendship International: England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Sweden, The Netherlands, and Germany.

"Spring Smorgasbord" Slated For May 7th At Ag. Baptist Church

The Agawam Baptist Church, located at the corner of Elm and Main Streets, will hold a spring smorgasbord on Saturday, May 7th, with servings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

The menu will include a fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, Harvard beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, assorted homemade pies, and beverages (coffee, tea, and milk).

Make your reservations by calling one of the following phone numbers: 786-8624, 786-0337, or 786-7123. If you make reservations and find you are unable to come, please call and cancel.

When mailing classified ads to our office (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030), please make sure that you write "Attention: Classifieds" on the outside envelope.

Travel dates usually fall around the end of July to early August. During the three week visit, each local hosting group plans a program of tours and visits to educate their guests as to the cultural, educational, commercial, industrial, and government systems of the country.

Once a visitor reaches the nation being visited, the host group assumes all boarding and touring costs. Through fundraising activities, our local group is able to meet most, if not all, of the travel fees and hosting costs.

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship is planning an informational night on Sunday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Anyone at all interested, please join us or call Kathy Rose at 786-0195.

Chicken Supper Set At Valley Community

Valley Community Church Congregational is once again holding its popular chicken supper on Saturday, May 14th.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring chicken, stuffing, potatoes, two hot vegetables, salads, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and, of course, that town famous, tremendous dessert table.

Beverages are also included. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children.

As you sit and enjoy your supper, you will be entertained with dinner music performed by Don Stafford.

Reservations are suggested by calling the church secretary at 786-2445.

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Spotlight On Business

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E. CECCHI FARMS on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills is now open for the season, seven days a week. With Mother's Day almost here, there is an enormous selection of hanging and potted plants available, as displayed by employee Christine Chausse (left). Owner and operator Bob Cecchi (PHOTO RIGHT, right) greets Ken Magiera and his three year-old daughter, Kyleen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Strong 1st Quarter For Westfield Savings

Nineteen-ninety-four has gotten off to a good start at Westfield Savings Bank, according to President Donald A. Williams. "Asset growth for the first quarter amounted to \$11,140,028, making total assets \$417,814,006. Increase in assets over the past 12 months amounted to \$24,481,668," Williams reported at the recent quarterly meeting of the bank's Board of Trustees.

"A substantial part of this growth is in increas-

ed deposits, which amounted to \$10,465,041, for a deposit total of \$372,534,512. Net income for the quarter was \$1,168,760," he added.

"Rate increases have slowed the pace of mortgages somewhat, particularly in the area of refinancing; however, applications for new mortgages have held up well," Williams continued.

"Our special car loan program is moving well with an increase of \$2,515,988. In total, consumer

loans ended the quarter at \$16,234,285. Commercial loans written during the period ended the quarter at \$5,259,611.

"In the area of commercial loans, we also enjoyed a substantial increase, the result of some 96 commercial loans written during the period for a total of \$5,259,611.

"In general, we are very pleased with the results of the first quarter," Williams concluded.

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Russell R. Weber New VP Of Operations

Russell R. Weber has been appointed Vice-President of Operations of QS/1 Data Systems, according to QS/1 President Bill Cobb.

In his new position, Weber will oversee operations of QS/1, including its nine regional offices located throughout the United States and Canada.

QS/1 Data System, a division of J M Smith Corporation based in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is a developer of computer systems for the pharmacy, dental, consultant pharmacists, and home health care industries. The firm employs more than 200 and has offices throughout the United States and Canada.

Weber has been associated with QS/1 products since 1978, installing the first pharmacy system in the northeast region. He sold and installed the 500th QS/1 pharmacy system in New Jersey in 1982.

Prior to his new post, Weber served as Southeast Regional Manager. From 1987 to 1993, Weber was the Northeast Regional Manager. Under his direction, installations in the northeast increased from 131 to 1,050 in five years.

Having specialized in the banking and service bureau fields, Weber attended Ward Business School and was involved in data processing and marketing for 11 years before joining QS/1.

A native of Feeding Hills, Weber and his family are currently residing in Wales, Massachusetts, and will be relocating to Spartanburg in June.

Russ is the son of the late Robert C. Weber, and Pearl B., who still resides at 361 North Street, Feeding Hills.



MARY QUENNEVILLE



JUDITH ST. PIERRE

Westfield Savings Bank Announces Promotions Of Two Staff Members

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Savings Bank, has announced the promotion of two key staff members. They are Mary Quenneville from Assistant Vice President-Systems Officer to Treasurer, and Judith St. Pierre from Retirement Plan Coordinator to Assistant Vice President for Retirement Services.

Ms. Quenneville joined Westfield Savings Bank in 1992 as an internal auditor. Prior to that time, she was associated with Peat Marwick, Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Quenneville is a graduate of Holyoke Community College and she has graduated from the University of Massachusetts. At Holyoke Community College, she participated in the "Women in Transition" program. While at HCC, she was a part-time employee in the business office for "Women in Transition" and also acted as a tutor in the accounting lab. At the University of Massachusetts, she was employed in the University's Accounting and Psychological Services Departments.

Ms. Quenneville received her Certified Public Accountant certification in 1992. A resident of South Hadley and graduate of South Hadley High School, she is actively involved in fundraising for Junior Achievement and the United Way. She is a former member of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Ms. St. Pierre joined Westfield Savings Bank in 1990 as an Administrative Assistant with the Springfield office of Merrill Lynch. Ms. St. Pierre also has an extensive background in banking, including eight years' experience as a teller, Home Equity Loan Processor, and Retirement Services specialist.

A graduate of Classical High School in Springfield and Westfield State College, Ms. St. Pierre also served as a special needs instructor at Ludlow High School for three years. She has continued to pursue special studies on retirement savings plans through advanced courses and seminars offered annually by Northeast Retirement Services. Ms. St. Pierre makes her home in Indian Orchard.

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Are you considering buying or selling a home? If you are, the following glossary of real estate terms may be helpful to know as you proceed through the process.

ACRE: A measure of land equalling 160 square rods, or 4,840 square yards, or 43,560 square feet, or a parcel about 208.71 feet square.

ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE (ARM): Any mortgage or trust deed loan in which the interest rate is subject to periodic adjustments during the term of the loan.

AGENCY: The relationship between principal and agent which arises out of a contract, either expressed or implied, written or oral, wherein the agent is employed by the principal to do certain acts dealing with a third party.

AGENT: A person authorized to represent and act on behalf of another person, usually known as the principal, employee or client.

AMENITIES: Tangible and intangible features which add to the desirability or value of real property, such as landscaping, swimming pools, etc.

AMORTIZATION: The liquidation of a mortgage on an installment basis.

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR): The total finance charge (interest, loan fees, points) expressed as a percentage of the loan amount.

APPRAISAL: An opinion of the value of property or estimate of value.

APPRAISER: A person qualified by education, training and experience who is hired to estimate the value of property based on experience, judgment and facts.

ASSESSED VALUE: A value placed upon property, by a public officer (assessor) as the basis for property taxes.

ASSUMPTION OF MORTGAGE: An agreement by the buyer to assume responsibility for a mortgage owned by the seller; the seller remains liable to the lender unless the lender agrees to release the seller.

BACK-UP OFFER: Any secondary offer received pending the finalization of a previous offer.

BALLOON LOAN: A loan in which any payment is larger than the normal or usual payment. Typically, the borrower is obligated to make a final single payment in order to pay-off the debt.

BROKER: A licensed person who does real estate acts for compensation or in expectation of compensation. The broker acts for the principal. A buyer or seller could be the principal.

BUYER'S BROKER (AGENT): A contractual arrangement in which the broker is employed specifically to represent the buyer.

CLOSING: The process of transferring the legal title from the owner to the buyer, upon an appropriate accounting of the financial matters involved in the transaction.

COMMISSION: An agent's compensation for performing the duties of the agency. Normally, the commission is a percentage of the selling price of the property.

CONDOMINIUM: An ownership in real property consisting of an undivided individual interest in a unit and an undivided common interest in the common areas.

CONTINGENCY: A condition that must be satisfied before a contract is binding.

DEED: A written legal document, which when properly executed and delivered, conveys title to the buyer.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD): The Federal agency which has the responsibility to supervise Federal Housing Administration (FHA) approved loans.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA): A government agency created to assist military veterans in the purchase of homes by guaranteeing loans made by approved lenders.

DEPRECIATION: Loss of value in real property brought about by age, physical deterioration, or functional or economic obsolescence. Broadly speaking, a loss in value from any cause.

EARNEST DEPOSIT (DOWN PAYMENT, EARNEST MONEY OR BINDER): Valuable consideration offered by a prospective buyer as the security and indication of the buyer's intention in entering a contract.

EASEMENT: A non-possessory right to enter and use another's lands within specified limits. It gives a "legal" right to use another's land.

EQUITY: The interest or value which an owner has in property over and above the liens against it.

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Insurance—Get The Coverage You Need To Fit In With Your Overall Financial Plan

Mention insurance to most people, and they'll turn up their noses. It's considered a necessary evil. People will concede that they need it for financial protection against unfortunate events such as accidents, theft, or death. But, too often policies are purchased, then forgotten.

Insurance coverage, however, should not be an isolated purchase; it should be considered a part of your overall financial plan. And, along with your financial plan, insurance policies should be evaluated at least annually and updated whenever you undergo any major life changes.

The best kind of insurance products for you will depend on your age and personal circumstances. An insurance agent or financial planner can help you evaluate your needs, but here is some basic information:

Life insurance provides a predetermined amount of money to a specified beneficiary if you die. You have a variety of choices in life insurance: term, whole life, universal life, and variable life. Annuities provide retirement benefits, and cash values for both life insurance (except term) and annuities accumulate on a tax-deferred basis—a valuable tax benefit.

Accident and health insurance protect you against losses or expense from injury or illness. A group plan, perhaps from your workplace, might offer you the best terms and rates.

Disability income insurance is important to have if you have no other means of support should something happen to keep you off the job, even for a while. Pay attention to the part of the policy that defines "disability." A policy with a definition of "own occupation" will make payments to you if you can't perform your usual work, even though you might be able to do other types of work.

Homeowners (or renters) insurance protects you against loss or damage to your property by fire, smoke, windstorm, theft, and personal liability for injuries to others. You also can buy special coverage for artwork, jewelry, and other personal valuables and for other disasters such as floods and earthquakes.

Automobile insurance covers damage to your own car and protects you against claims when your car is involved in an accident that injures others or damages their property.

Liability insurance, generally part of your homeowners and automobile policies, protects you from financial loss arising from your liability to pay for injuries to others or damage to their property, including the costs of lawsuits.

A general rule of thumb is to cover the losses you can't afford—destruction of your home, major damage to your car, premature death of the breadwinner, or liability if you're responsible for someone else's injuries. However, choose the highest deductible you can afford; your premiums will be lower.

Always read the policy carefully for exclusions and limitations, and ask questions if something is unclear. Finally, check the reputation of the insurer with regulatory agencies, industry rating services, or local consumer protection agencies.

Buying insurance is important. By being well-informed you can get the kind of coverage that gives you the protection you need at a price you can afford—and that fits with your overall financial goals.

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POINTS: Prepaid interest required by the lender, when a loan is negotiated. A premium for the privilege of borrowing at the stated interest rate. A point is 1% of the mortgage loan; also called discount points.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT (P&I): A periodic payment that includes the interest charges for the period plus an amount applied to amortization of the principal balance.

REALTOR: The registered name of members of the National Association of Realtors and the affiliated state and local organizations.

SURVEY: The process by which a parcel of land is measured and its area is ascertained.

TERMITE REPORT: A report, usually required by the lender attesting to the results of an inspection for damage, to the property, caused by termites, dry rot and other wood-destroying organisms.

TITLE: Evidence that the owner of land is in lawful possession of the property. A document

evidencing such ownership.

TITLE INSURANCE: Protection for the buyer and lender against financial loss resulting from legal defects in the title.

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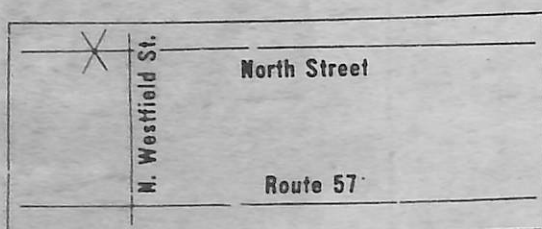
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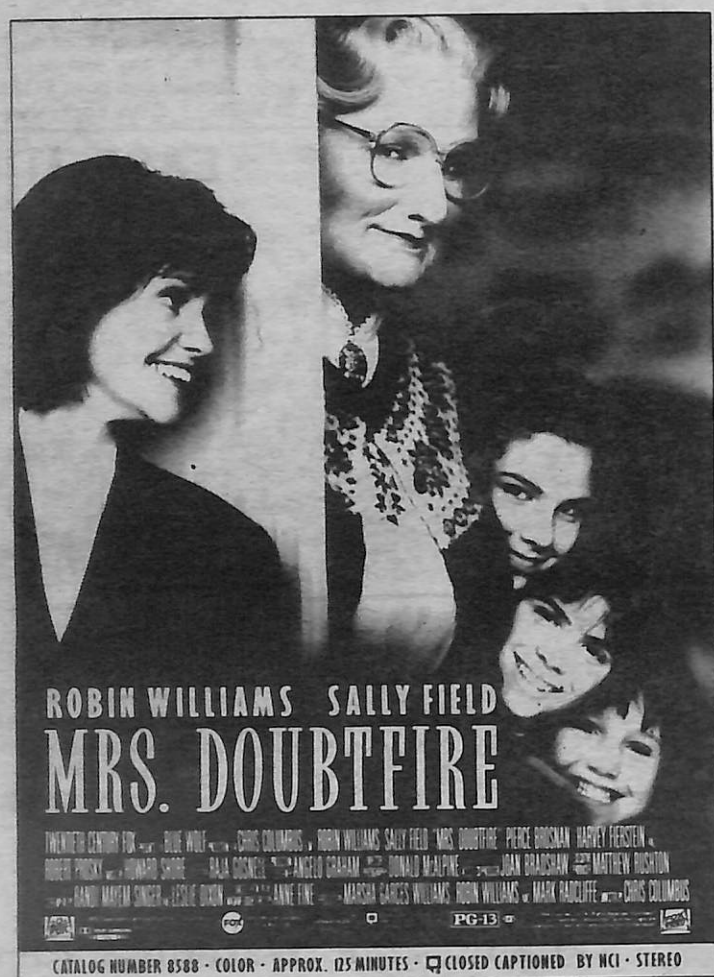
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For Your Health

Tips For Safe Viewing Of Solar Eclipse

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On Tuesday, May 10th, 1994, a solar eclipse will be visible to most North Americans. Doctors of Optometry and the American Optometric Association warn that viewing the sun directly through the various stages of the eclipse can cause damage to the eyes that may result in vision loss or blurring.

A solar eclipse occurs when the orbit of the moon causes it to pass between the earth and sun, blocking all or part of the sun's rays. The eclipse of May 10th is an annular one, meaning the sun's rays are not entirely blocked by the moon, and a ring (or annulus) of the sun is visible around the circumference of the moon.

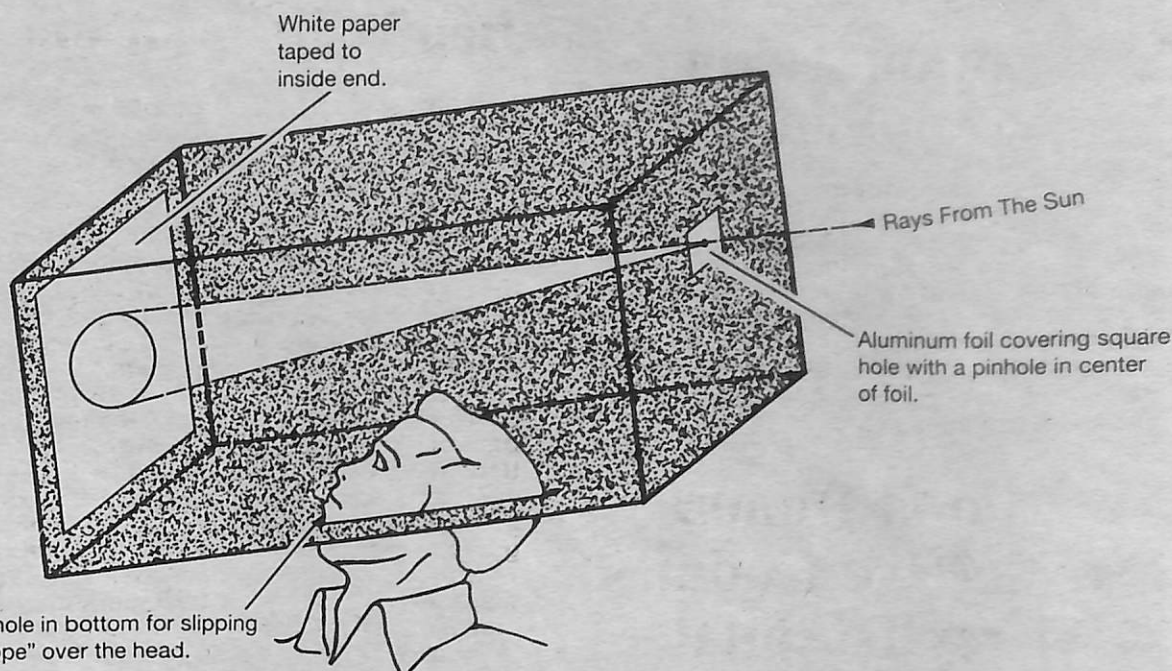
Viewing an eclipse directly is dangerous. Components of light not visible to the eye can burn the retina and cause irreversible scarring and vision loss. This is called solar retinopathy. If the macula—the part of the retina that has our best vision—is involved, vision loss or blindness may result.

During the last eclipse of 1970, 145 eclipse-related retinal burns were reported. Sixty percent of the patients looked directly at the sun with the naked eye, and 40 percent viewed the sun through unsafe devices such as sunglasses, photographic filters, smoked glasses, welder's goggles, or film. None of these are safe ways to view the eclipse. And viewing with a telescope or binoculars is even more dangerous, as it concentrates the harmful radiation.

The only safe way to view the eclipse is indirectly. Remember, looking directly at the sun whether during an eclipse or not can cause permanent vision loss.

USE THIS TYPE OF PROTECTIVE SUNSCOPE TO VIEW AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

1. Fasten a piece of white paper over the inside of the small ends of an oblong box, about 1' x 2' x 3'.
2. Cut a one-inch-square hole in the opposite small end and cover the hole with aluminum foil.
3. Make a pinhole in the foil.
4. Cut a hole somewhat larger than your head in the bottom of the box, so that you can slip the box over your head.
5. Seal light leaks with black tape or paper.
6. To use the "sunscope" for viewing, stand with your back to the sun, the box over your head, and look at the image projected through the pinhole onto the white paper.
7. Do not look at the sun directly or through the pinhole—look at the image projected on the white paper.



Round hole in bottom for slipping "sunscope" over the head.

DR. RICHARD W. GALLERANI of Feeding Hills has several helpful tips for the safe viewing of the Tuesday, May 10th solar eclipse. SEE RELATED ARTICLE IN LEFT COLUMN.

Baystate Medical Center Slates Support Groups During May

Baystate Medical Center will offer the following support groups planned throughout May:

* **Depression After Delivery Support Group** - Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m., Chicopee/Agawam Room of the Centennial Building, free. Call Parent Education at 784-BABY (2229).

* **Diabetes Support Group** - Tuesday, May 17th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Chicopee/Agawam Room of the Centennial Building, free. May topics: "What your American Diabetes Association is Doing For You," with Faith Linsky of the Pioneer Valley chapter of the American Diabetes Association, and a discussion about blood glucose strips with Karen Melcarz. For more information, call 784-4364.

* **Insulin Pump Support Group** - Tuesday, May 17th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Chicopee/Agawam Room of the Centennial Building, free. For more information, call 784-5789.

* **Better Breathers Support Group** - Tuesday, May 10th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Executive Offices Meeting Room, free. May topic: "Asthma and Allergies." For more information, call 784-4442.

* **Chrohn's and Colitis Support Group** - Thursday, May 26th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Executive Offices Meeting Room, free. May topic: "Chrohn's and Colitis and the Hereditary Factor," with Dr. Daniel Donahue. For more information, call 736-2422.

Healthier Lifestyle At Agawam Library To Start May 11th

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce the program, "Choosing A Healthier Lifestyle" on Wednesday, May 11th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will be Suellen Duga of Choice Health, Westfield, "Let's Crack the Health Nut Concept"; Debra Morse, M.Ed., of the Well-Power Weight Management Program, "Willpower vs. Self-Control—How modifying your own behavior can help you reach your goals"; Barbara Belliveau, M.T. from Relax Center for Yoga, Feeding Hills, "Exploring the Benefits of Therapeutic Massage"; and Pamela Paro, Owner/Instructor of Relax Center for Yoga, "Meditation and Relaxation."

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For further information, contact Gina Blackie, R.N., director of admissions, at 789-2200.

May Blood Donors Will Receive Goodies At Mercy Hospital

All Blood Bank donors at Mercy Hospital throughout the month of May will receive certificates for ice cream, an appetizer, or a savings on anything from pizza to lobster, from chicken to Chinese food.

More than a dozen area restaurants have generously contributed these incentives to help increase donations as the Blood Bank prepares for the demanding summer months ahead.

In addition, persons donating blood are given a free mini-checkup that includes blood pressure and cholesterol check, and blood iron testing. Donors must be at least 18 years old (17 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Blood Bank hours are Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Wednesday and Thursday hours extended until 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are recommended. Call 748-9511 for more information.

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During May, Oral Health Of Older Adults Being Focused On By Dental Society

Today, we know that the foods we eat affect our overall health. However, many people do not realize that the foods they eat have an impact on their oral health.

During May, the Massachusetts Dental Society will focus attention on the oral health of older adults. The society wants to remind seniors that the relationship between diet and oral health—which is influenced by the types, quantities, and textures of the foods we eat—can be a particularly critical one for them.

Dentists know that what we eat can influence our gums' response to plaque, the invisible film of bacteria that constantly forms on teeth. Scientists have found that deficiencies of nutrients such as protein, zinc, folic acid, ascorbic acid, or iron can affect oral health, and may weaken the gums' resistance to decay-causing oral bacteria.

While improper nutrition does not cause gum disease, it is important to understand that gum disease may progress faster and be more severe in individuals whose diets are deficient.

Eating patterns and specific food choices also influence oral health. As plaque accumulates, it converts the sugars and some starches in foods into acids that attach tooth surfaces. These "plaque attacks" continue for about 20 minutes after we eat.

Repeated attacks—brought on by frequent snacking—may result in decay, eventually causing the formation of cavities.

The decay-causing potential of food also is influenced by food selections and food textures. In general, sugary or starchy foods—such as raisins, dried foods, caramels, toffee, or cake—can prolong acid attacks because they can remain in the mouth for longer periods of time.

Although many foods contain sugars and starches that can contribute to tooth decay, they should not be eliminated completely from our diets, because they can supply important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating.

According to the Massachusetts Dental Society, the key is to eat foods that may be more likely to cause tooth decay with meals—when they are less harmful to teeth. Avoid them as between-meal snacks.

Some research indicates that certain foods—such as cheese, peanuts, or sugar-free chewing gum—may actually help counter the effects of acid attacks on teeth.

Of course, it's important to consider overall health and nutrition, not just oral health, when selecting snack foods. Older adults are advised to consult their physician for nutrition information regarding diet. But scientific understanding of the components that make certain foods potentially less harmful than others may eventually help save teeth, as well as maintain overall health.

(Provided by the Massachusetts Dental Society, a 4,500-member statewide affiliate of the American Dental Society.)

Forgetting Cigarettes With Hypnotism Being Offered At Noble Hospital

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the Education Department of Noble Hospital as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, Director of Education at Noble Hospital, and will consist of two sessions to be held on Wednesday, May 11th and 18th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The sessions will be held at the Education Center on 2 Mill St., adjacent to the hospital. The course fee is \$40.

For more information, please call the Education Department at Noble Hospital at 568-2811, ext. 529.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
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All About Water

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We lose approximately 2½ quarts of water a day ... even more in hot or dry climates and when we exercise. If you don't replace the water you lose everyday, you'll become dehydrated.

The number one symptom of dehydration is fatigue. So, simply drinking enough water can fight fatigue. And water can fight hunger, too. Our body often confuses its thirst signal with its hunger signal. So we often eat when we really need to drink. Plus, filling up on water leaves less room for food. Drinking a glass of water with a meal means you eat less.

If you rarely feel thirsty, you're not alone. A study published in the journal *Lancet* showed that as we grow older, our thirst signal becomes less sensitive.

Your body could lose four quarts of water and your thirst will shut off after drinking just one quart. Many people need to set up a system to help them drink enough fluid because their body fails to send the signal. Here are some ideas:

- * Put a two-quart container of water in your refrigerator and drink it all by day's end.

- * Set the timer on your stove to go off every hour while you're awake. Each time it rings, drink a half cup of water. By the end of the day, you'll reach the desired eight cups.

- * If you eat three meals and a snack a day, drink two cups of water each time you eat to total eight cups for the day.

- * If you get sick of water, drink unsweetened seltzer, club soda, low-sodium vegetable juices, or 100 percent fruit juice (watch out for the calories in fruit juice if you need to lose weight). Beverages with alcohol and caffeine don't count as sources of water because they cause dehydration.

Better Breathers At Noble Hospital

The Noble Hospital's "Better Breather Support Group" for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet Monday, May 9th at 115 West Silver Street, Westfield, at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, ground floor.

For more information, call the American Lung Association, 737-3506, or the Respiratory Department at Noble Hospital, 568-2811.

La Leche League Can Help New Moms

If your family is awaiting the arrival of a new member, the West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League meeting, "The Family in Relation to the Breastfed Baby," may interest you.

Informal discussion will center on how to manage those first hectic weeks with emphasis on the entire family as well as timely tips for mother and baby.

The meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th, 7:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church. For further information, call Jeanne (739-7923) or Teresa (734-5922).

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A support group solely for spouses will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam; and a second group is available

on Tuesday, May 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow.

A support group which is open to anyone who is grieving a death will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

These support groups are ongoing, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend; participants need merely to attend any meeting they choose.

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Arts

This Week At The Movies...

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—With Honor

With little hype and only a few names—Joe Pesci and Patrick Dempsey—for recognition value, *With Honor* unfolds on the screen; a seemingly ordinary film about Harvard seniors and their plight to finish their graduating theses.

Fraser, an bright government student with a tough thesis advisor, cringes when his 10 chapters fizzle on an electrically-fried hard drive; on his way to Xerox the only printout, he stumbles and the hard-earned document falls through a grate into the Harvard Library basement, where a scruffy Simon Wilder (Pesci in rare and wonderful form) sees in those precious pages a perfect kindling for a warming fire.

Wilder strikes a deal; one page for one favor, and so begins a reluctant bond that gives this movie heart.

Pesci sees himself as a bum, not a homeless street person. His wisdom comes from life, a life that's been anything but kind. He is being killed by asbestos inhaled in his days as a merchant seaman, and he walked out on his wife and child years before to travel the world. He's dying now and has one last wish—to see his grown up son face to face.

But before that climactic scene, he raises havoc with our Harvard preppie's life: he moves into a broken van and repairs it; he cooks one roommate's pet rooster for dinner, noting only that he used "whatever was around" for the meal; and he wears a Viking helmet in the bathtub. He also has heart, and when given a wool blanket he passes on its warmth to another, needier soul.

The grudging relationship unfolds as each learns about the other, about love, about commitment, about truth, and about honor.

The scruffy bum taken into the fold as been done before in such films as *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* and *The Fisher King*, but Pesci brings equal vigor and rollicking humor to this newest of such roles. And, by the time the world of these characters collide for the final time, all are changed and the audience is in tears.

With Honor was the surprise of the season, and a film I wouldn't mind seeing again.

—Bad Girls

Bad Girls is a B movie with a D grade ... D for dumb. Four whores with hearts of gold strike out in the Wild West with a claim for land in Oregon and \$12,000 in savings. They are done out of the savings by former outlaw/lovers, and lose the land claim because they are not married to men.

The film is brimming with leering, lecherous outlaws, plenty of cleavage, and lots of shoot-'em-ups, and none of it makes sense or rings true.

Bad Girls is a poor attempt to capitalize on the renewed interest in cowboy movies, but it forgot that "goodness" does have something to do with it.

—Serial Mom

Serial Mom is strike two for this week's films, with Kathleen Turner as the dream mom who cooks, cleans, sews, has no waxy yellow build-up on her floors, and will do anything to keep her pristine family circle intact.

But when the family's away, she turns over a darker side that makes obscene phone calls to neighbors and mows down her son's math teacher with her car.

The body count rises as Turner makes her way to a comic trial that is more travesty on film.

If there is any justice at all, there won't be a sequel to this one.

Stanley Park To Open For 1994 Season On Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day)

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, is the opening day for Stanley Park. The Park will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. until dusk through mid-October.

Carillon bell and organ concerts will be presented each Thursday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 3:00 p.m. starting Mother's Day, May 8th, and continuing through mid-October. Dennis Chapdelaine, Stanley Park Carillonneur, will offer a variety of one-hour programs.

Special concerts will be held in Stanley Park every Sunday beginning May 29th and continuing

through September 4th. These concerts are scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the Park or to the concerts. All concerts are held in the sheltered pavilion and chairs are available.

Group activities are always welcome at the Park. There is a pavilion which may be reserved and picnic areas which are available on a first come, first served basis.

For further information, call 568-9312 Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bye Bye Birdie Is Another Hit For Westfield Theater

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Robert Laviolette, director of the Westfield Theater Group's latest musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, has created another hit by moving a talented cast through complex paces at top speed with no punch line left undelivered.

The story (as all of us over 30 know) is about rock-and-roll star Conrad Birdie (Brad Ashton Thayer as the Elvis clone) who's about to leave for the Army. As a publicity stunt, Birdie is about to bestow his "last kiss" on one of his fan club presidents, middle class teenager Kim MacAfee (Jacquelyn Buzsee).

The show has plenty of hysterical, screaming teenagers with their love chant for their Hollywood hero.

But along the way to the publicity stunt of the year, Birdie's manager, Albert Peterson (Rock Palmer), must cope with his domineering momma (Cindy Andersen) and his devoted and frustrated secretary and fiancée, Rosie (Jacquelyn Doty).

The MacAfee household is turned upside down as the teen idol moves in and the whole family is slated to appear on the holiest of TV shows—Ed Sullivan!

Palmer is the perfect Albert, bringing panache, style, and wit to his role; he's the perfect foil for Rosie, who is played to the scene-stealing hilt by Doty (who knocks the proverbial socks off of her viewers in Act II ["The Shriner's Ballet"]).

Larry Andersen is comedy personified as a drunken Shriner lusting after the delectable Rosie.

Doris and Harry MacAfee (Carol Palmer and Rick Buzsee) are perfectly cast as the harried parents (one looks like Dennis the Menace's dad, and the other like the Brady Bunch's Alice), but it's all in fun and there's enough of that to go around.

While Act One got off to a slow start, momentum built up quickly and by the time Act Two barreled on stage, the audience was more than ready for it.

The musical score includes such songs as "The Telephone Hour," "Put On A Happy Face" (a scene stealer), "Honestly Sincere" (side-splittingly funny), "A Lot Of Living To Do," and "Rosie."

With 17 scene changes and 17 musical numbers, the cast, crew, and director had their work cut out for them; fortunately, they met the challenge with the ease born of seasons of experience (and their past successes attest to that).

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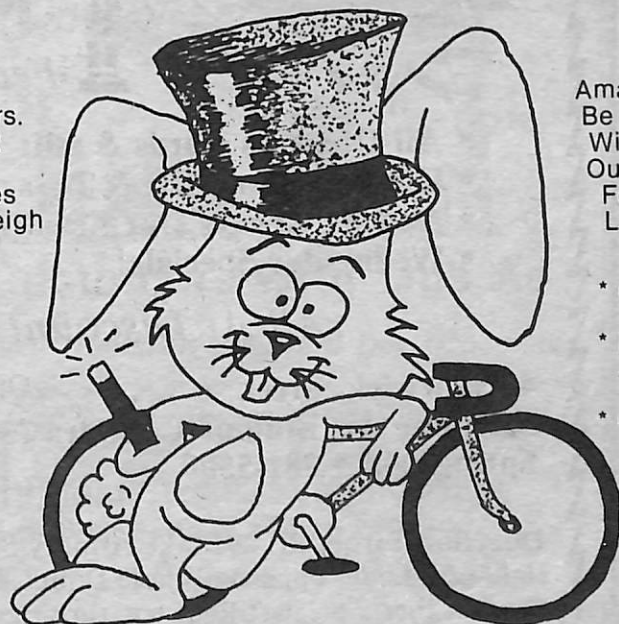
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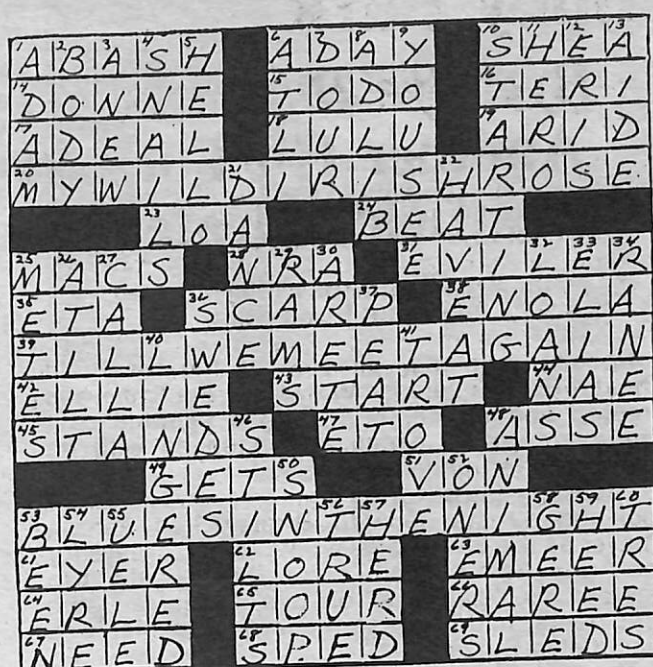


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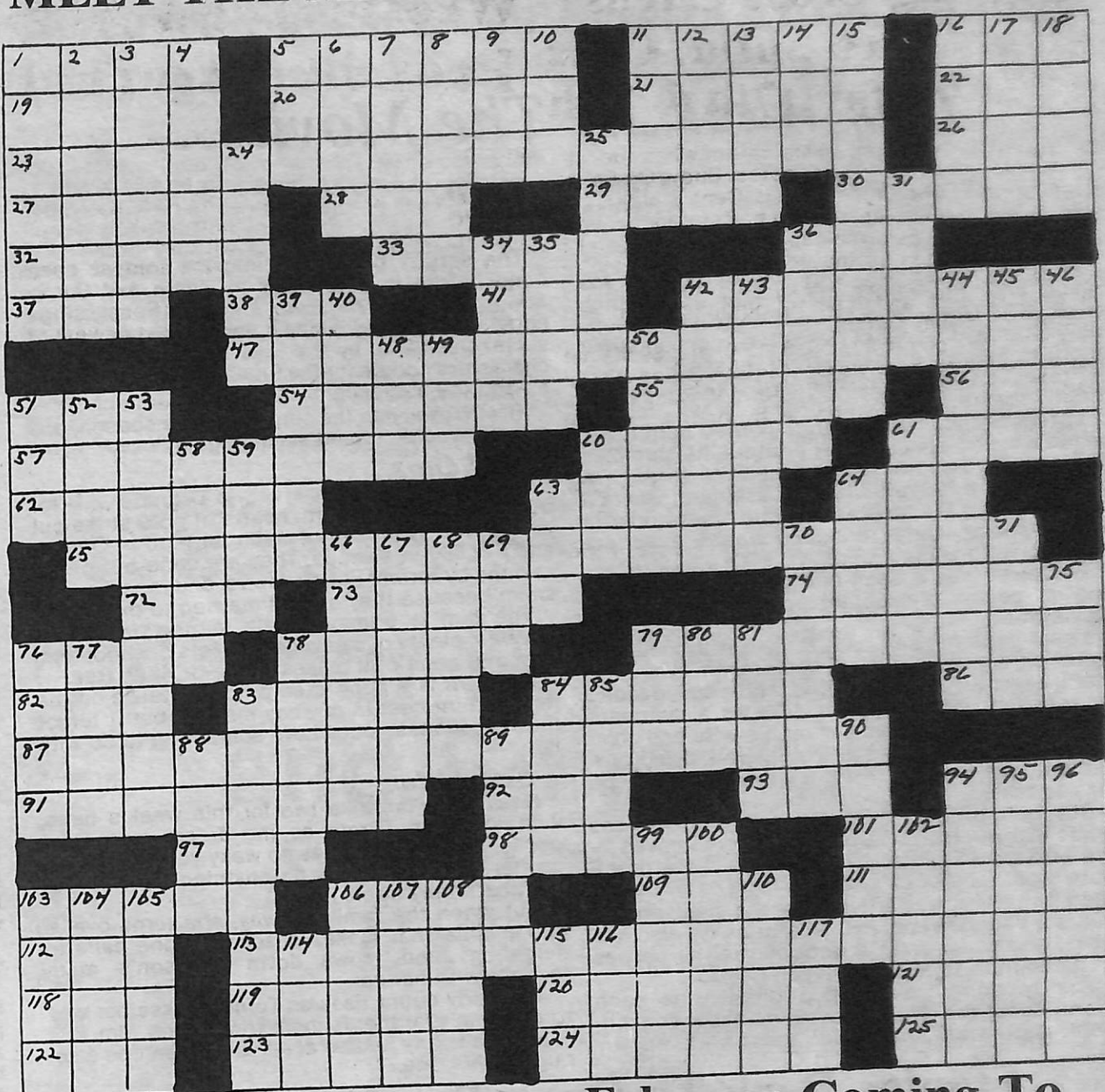
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60 Showers
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64 Feather scarves
66 Bounce around
67 Bay windows
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Falconer Coming To Agawam Library

The Agawam Cultural Council's First Friday Series is pleased and excited to be able to finish this season's series with the presentation of Julie Collier, licensed falconer and raptor rehabilitator. Julie's program, titled "Falconry - Medieval and Modern," will be demonstrated with live birds of prey.

Julie's programs on birds of prey focus on their ecology and special hunting adaptations, as well as on the way the birds have been portrayed in history and art. She will bring several live raptors with her, all of them unreleasable birds cared for under her rehabilitation permit.

Come join us for Julie Collier's presentation, "Falconry - Medieval and Modern," at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. The program is free to the public through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Ringling Bros. Circus Returns To Spfld. Civic Center May 17th & 18th

Every day is a Circus Celebration when the all-new 124th edition of The Greatest Show On Earth comes to the Springfield Civic Center May 17th and 18th for four star-studded performances. Producer Kenneth Feld unwraps a treasure trove of colorful surprises for the newest members of its Circus family—Romeo and Juliette, the first baby elephants born and bred to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Tickets, priced at \$13.50, \$11.50, and \$9.50, are now on sale at the Civic Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. To charge by phone, call the Civic Center's PhoneCharge hotline at (413) 787-6600 or (800) 639-8602, or call Ticketmaster at (413) 733-2500. A limited number of VIP Ringside seats will also be available for all shows.

More than 120 renowned Circus artists from the four corners of the globe have gathered in three Circus Rings to salute the Babies That All America Wants To See! From Russia come high-wire artists, daring acrobats, dancing bears, and thundering Cossack riders. From the Far East treks China's most expert acrobats demonstrating their equilibric talents with colorful bamboo poles.

United Kingdom's Thomas Chipperfield, a descendent of England's oldest Circus family, presents his Royal Lions, while the Bogers, hailing from the Ozarks, honor Romeo and Juliette with their version of the All-American Team—a buffalo, a longhorn steer, and a miniature horse!

Daredevils Jon Weiss and James Halliday air-deliver greetings as they are blasted across the arena from a gigantic Doubled-Barreled Cannon, and hordes of colorfully-dressed harlequins create mischief with their own brand of hijinks.

High-stepping dancers ascend the Spanish Web to present a classic Circus "ballet in the air," and an international array of Circus artists, clowns, and dancers parade around the Hippodrome track with pomp and circumstance in the Grand Spectacular—"A Circus Celebration Introducing Romeo and Juliette!"

The two hour-plus production features non-stop Circus action accompanied by live music, ranging from Bach to rock to country, and more than 500 dazzlingly sequined costumes and brightly painted floats provide the perfect setting for America's Biggest, Happiest Circus Celebration!

For additional information, contact Kevin G. Barrett at (413) 787-6610, extension 223.

WestFest '94 At Stanley Park Promises To Be Biggest Ever

It's hard to imagine, but WestFest '94 is right around the corner!

This year's extravaganza is bigger and better than ever with two days of fun, fantasy, and (of course) ART! The weekend-long event promises to give fairgoers more merriment than ever before.

WestFest '94, Westfield's 13th annual fine arts show, will open Saturday, May 14th, at 10:00 a.m. and run through Sunday, May 15th, at 5:00 p.m. This fun-filled outdoor event is held at beautiful Stanley Park, located on Western Avenue in Westfield, Massachusetts. Colorful tents, floating balloons, and lots of enjoyment promise to be the fare of the day.

With over 135 juried booths, WestFest will feature the works of fine artists and craftspeople from all over New England and beyond. From folk art to photography, painting to pottery, music and mime, WestFest has it for the young at young-at-heart.

With three big tents bursting with some of the most original and unique fine arts and crafts—plus more outdoor booths than many other shows—WestFest historically begins the spring fine art calendar and sets the standard for fairs to follow, and this year is no exception!

Have We Got Entertainment!

The phrase "something for everyone" must have been coined with WestFest '94 in mind. There will be music for almost every taste and age group; from the youngest attendee to those wishing to reminisce about the good ol' days, WestFest '94 will offer delightful foot-stomping, hand-clapping music to fill the air and your hearts.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th, enjoy the storytelling of the Enchanted Circle Family Theatre featuring "Tales from Mother Russia." Vermont's MacArthur and Family will entertain with original music played on the folk harp and guitar in the performance tent at 2:00 p.m. Margaret and her daughter, Megan, perform in full folk costumes.

Also on Saturday, as fairgoers walk through the grounds enjoying the many fine art and craft items available, you will be treated to a can't-miss performance by Paul Richmond. Paul pleases the crowds with his talent for juggling, magic, and much merriment.

Or, take time to relax in the food court and enjoy the talents of various regional artists who are members of the Pioneer Valley Folklore Society in the early afternoon. WestFest's favorite singer/songwriter, Annie Wenz, will thrill the crowds with her own eclectic style at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th gets off to a great start with kid-pleasing, parent-happy David Grover and Grover's Gang at 12:00 noon in the performance tent. Southwick singer Annie Fogg takes the stage at 2:00 p.m. with her own popular music style with a touch of popular country.

The New England Brass Quartet continues a WestFest tradition and brings us back to yesterday with their musical arrangements of popular favorites at 4:00 p.m. Watch for Paul Richmond again on the grounds throughout the day, together with the strolling minstrel antics of Mary Jo Maichek, mime extraordinaire.

WestFest offers a special treat in the food court tent throughout the afternoon with the Pioneer Valley Folklore Society back again to entertain.

Award Show

A juried exhibition of individual artists will be competing for a total of \$3,500 in prizes. Categories include Fine Arts, Photography, and Crafts.

Be sure to visit the Awards Tent between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, or all day on Sunday to pick your personal favorite piece of art. On Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Award Show Tent, ceremonies will take place for Visual Arts, High School Art Show, and Arts Scholarship awards.

Youth Art Show

Don't go home without taking the children for a visit to the Youth Art Tent. Artwork by area young people (kindergarten through high school) will be on display.

Ongoing activities include popular painting with latex colors on the see-through shape display at the center court. In addition, the youth art area will offer face painting and balloon sculpting on both days of the fair.

Food, Food And More Food!

A day at the fair just isn't complete without something to eat, and the organizers of WestFest '94 know it. Visit the Food Court and be treated to new and exciting foods, as well as plenty of old favorites.

There is a good sensation available for every taste and tongue! If you are still ravenous after hours, the Rotary Club of Westfield is hosting a chicken bar-b-que from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person for tickets to the feast, and the lowdown on this hoedown is "Don't miss it!"

For additional information on WestFest '94, call (413) 562-6708.

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"KEEPING MUM" about The Suffield Players' upcoming monsteral "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night" is not an open and shut case for Nassar (Denise Boutin of Springfield), who tries to keep her mummified Master (Dana Ring of West Hartford) under wraps. The farcical musical unravels May 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at Mapleton Hall, Suffield, CT. Call 1-800-289-6148 for ticket info.

Mark Proulx Starring With Suffield Players

Mark Proulx of Agawam is menaced by every movie monster you've ever seen in the Suffield Players' spring musical, *I'm Sorry, the Bridge is Out, You'll Have to Spend the Night*, by Bobby "Boris" Pickett and Sheldon Allman.

Proulx plays John David Wellgood who, along with his fiancée, Mary, stumbles upon Frankenstein's castle when their car breaks down. Unfortunately, the castle is full of gruesome characters up to no good.

Frankenstein has designs on John's brain for his creature. The Mummy wants Mary for a virgin sacrifice. Dracula and his wife and backup singers want Mary for her blood. The Werewolf's mother wants Mary as a mate for her son. The Werewolf wants both for a midnight snack. And Igor the hunchback just wants Mary!

Proulx has been in several of Suffield's productions, including *The Final Trial of Richard III* last winter, *Once is Not Enough*, *God's Favorite*, and the award-winning *Being of Sound Mind*. He was the winner of the group's President's Award in 1990. He currently serves as their Box Office Manager.

Of the monster-musical, Proulx finds its lightheadedness and sheer hilarity interesting and challenging.

Margie Secora of Southwick directs this cast of monstrous proportions stalking Mapleton Hall on May 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st, at 1305 Mapleton Ave., in Suffield.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 1-800-289-6148. Suffield Players shows are often sellouts, so reserve your tickets early.

You turn our pages each week for all the local news...



Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Action Arnold Style!

Arnold Schwarzenegger has been mesmerizing movie audiences for years now with his action-packed, macho-guy films. Below are some of the films he's done that not only illustrate his potential versatility, but his dramatically improved acting ability (somewhat improved acting ability, at least).

* *The Terminator*

Director: James Cameron. 1984, Rated R. 1 hour and 48 minutes. Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, and Michael Biehn.

Arnold plays a murderous cyborg from the future in the highly intense thriller *The Terminator*. The movie boasts incredible special effects as well as a quite creative plot.

The film centers around a young woman who is to be the mother of an influential leader of the future. Arnie travels back in time (to the present) to eliminate the woman before she conceives the child in a quest to prevent his rise to power.

Although it sounds quite simplistic, this storyline genuinely enthralls movie watchers and enables the special effects to serve the purpose they are intended for ... to enhance a great story, not make a bad story worth watching.

Also in the plus column is the convincing acting that is consistent throughout *The Terminator*. Arnold is quite spooky and oftentimes downright horrifying.

Unfortunately, as with many films of this genre, the ending is way too overplayed and much too long. The dragged-out finale relies solely on special effects for its captivating hold on the audience, and the storyline is lost in the end.

Overall, the film is worth seeing. An overabundance of foul language makes it inappropriate for the kids (surprise!), but adults will be entertained. Yes, folks, this is an Arnold Schwarzenegger film that you won't want to terminate! **3 STARS.** (18 years and up.)

Agawam Poetry...

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Our Resplendent Earth

*The world awakens, all bright and new,
All nature is sparkling in the morning dew;
Let's make this day a day of worth,
And a little bit better because of birth;*

*The birds awaken with melodious song,
And sing in choir, the whole day long;
The squirrels are scampering here and there,
And from the hollow deep, comes the timid hare;*

*The verdant blades of grass are blowing,
And the shy little violet buds are showing;
Their beauty, unspoken and yet unfold,
Is the world's great magic, to behold;*

*Love, and enjoy, and generously share,
God's great Earth, and show you care;
The greatest treasure, you'll ever possess,
Is this wondrous world for your happiness.*

* *Predator*

Director: John McTiernan. 1987. Rated R. 1 hour and 47 minutes. Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Carl Weathers, Elpidia Carrillo, Bill Duke, Sonny Landham, Richard Chaves, R.G. Armstrong, and Kevin Peter Hall.

From the director of *Die Hard*, this highly suspenseful film about an invisible creature feasting on puny humans somehow works. It's not a film for the squeamish, so weak-stomached people in the mood for Arnie-boy better rent *Kindergarten Cop*.

Acting takes a back seat to suspense as we witness a group of comrades uniting to battle something invisible (yeah, I'd join that group, too!). As you probably predicted, they do get systematically mauled by this beast (who makes some truly repugnant sounds).

The best part of the film is when there's actually a chance in hell for these people to stop this thing ... well, then again, there's *Predator 2*. Anyways, the film is most fun to watch now because at least the hunter becomes the hunted.

Predator is not a film that you will remember decades from now, but one that will make your weekend a little more exciting. There's thrills and chills while watching, but after the film ends you'll be saying, "Why did I let this ridiculous movie scare me?" Trust me, watch it and walk away; it's most fun that way! **3 STARS.** (18 years and up.)

* *Twins*

Director: Ivan Reitman. 1988. Rated PG. 1 hour and 45 minutes. Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito, Kelly Preston, and Chloe Webb.

The unlikely twin of Arnie is none other than Danny DeVito. Imagine that—the Terminator and the Penguin as twin brothers. That's a scary thought. But rest assured, folks, that DeVito and Schwarzenegger play quite well off each other.

Twins is funny but seems to try too hard. DeVito, of course, is a natural in such a comedic story. But Arnie? Come on, without a machine gun in his hand, he's lost! Fortunately, his acting can be written off as the personality of the character he's playing. This, along with DeVito's performance, make the film entertaining.

This is not a movie you're likely to own, but as a rental it works just fine. There's comedy, there's drama, and there's Arnold! Know that it goes down hard, guys, but the effort seems to be somewhat worth it. **2 STARS.** (16 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related topics that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser-News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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Education

Ag. Middle School Students Experience Benefits Of Aerobics

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With the beat of a rock music tape to provide the rhythm, Middle School Physical Education teacher Leslie Martel led her class through the increasingly complicated patterns of a step-aerobic routine.

As might be expected, the routine began with simple stretching exercises as the class went through a series of warm-ups to get ready for their aerobic work-out.

All eyes were on Mrs. Martel as she began each new segment of the routine with a simple step-step pattern and gradually added in more movements and refinements until some of the students were hopelessly out of sync. But everyone kept smiling and stepping along.

History Making Class

Sounds like every aerobics class you've ever tried to keep up with and it probably is, with one big exception—this class is making history in the field of children's health and medicine.

Known affectionately to Mrs. Martel (and proudly to themselves) as the "little lab rates," the 32 sixth graders are central to a research study into the effects of aerobic fitness training on cholesterol levels in children. The study, which began in December and will conclude during the first week of June, was unanimously approved by the School Committee last fall.

Under the direction of Dr. Thomas W. Rowland, director of Pediatric Cardiology at Baystate Medical Center, Mrs. Martel has been conducting the study using sixth grade volunteers from two Physical Education classes.

Dr. Rowland is a nationally-recognized expert in the field of children's health and has written many articles and books on the subject.

Funding for the project has been granted by the board of directors of Baystate Medical Center. The board has approved the use of the Pediatric Cardiology Laboratory and has recognized the research as "a valid and important study investigating children's health."

To document the study's findings, three sets of laboratory blood tests will be done to determine the cholesterol levels of the students. The tests will be performed before, during, and after the children undergo aerobic fitness training.

The first blood test was done in December and will serve as a control for the study. The aerobic fitness training began in March and consists of three 30-40 minutes sessions each week for 12 weeks.

Heart Rates Monitored

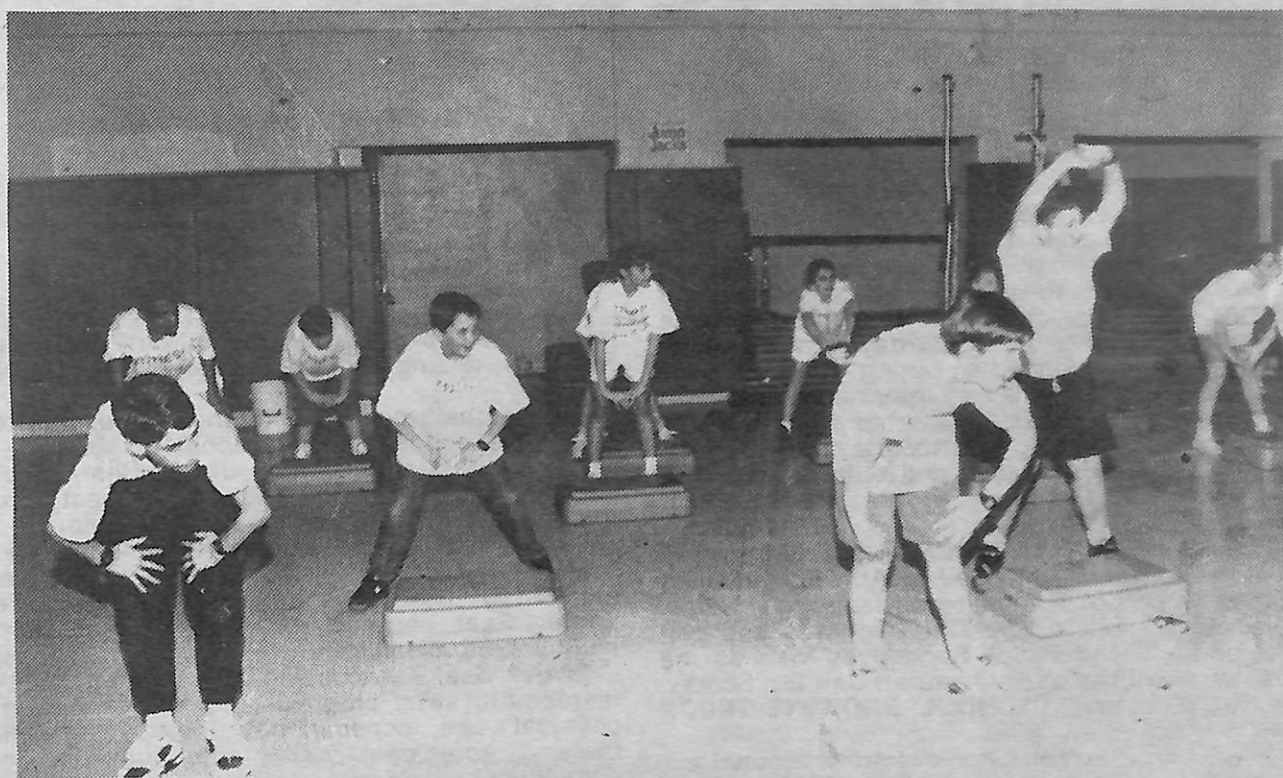
During the training sessions the students' goal is to maintain a heart rate of 165-170 beats per minute. In order to monitor their heart rates, the students wear "heart watches" donated by the University of Massachusetts and their heart rates are recorded at specific intervals during the training session.

Mrs. Martel said she has been relying on several students who have given up their study periods to check the heart watches and record the results. According to Mrs. Martel, sixth grader **Mary Manning** has been her most faithful volunteer.

The aerobic training will include distance run-



MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER Leslie Martel (top photo, back row, left) and her sixth graders who are the central part of a research study into the effects of aerobic fitness training on cholesterol levels in children. The kids are known as the "little lab rats." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

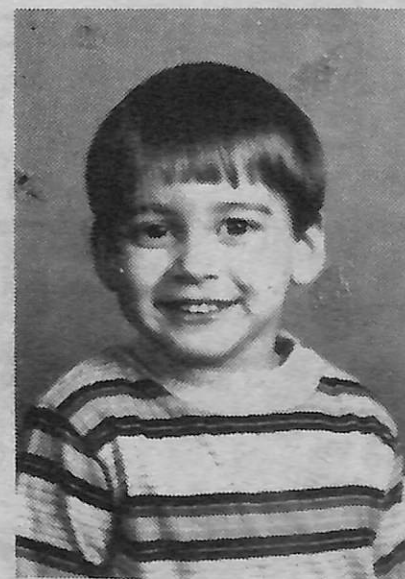


ing, step aerobics, "Capture the Flag," and circuit training. Mrs. Martel said she had adjusted her original exercise schedule to include an outdoor game so that her students would not feel left out of the outdoor activities the other classes were enjoying.

"These kids have been awesome," Mrs. Martel said. "I have just been amazed that they have performed so far above my expectations."

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Girl Scout Chatter...

CLARK SCHOOL BROWNIE TROOP 584

The girls have been very busy this year. They have completed three try-its and are working on two more before the year ends.

The girls have participated in many activities, including a Father and Me dance in February, a trip to Yankee Candle Factory, and upcoming events such as a trip to a Connecticut museum to study about humpback whales, a Rock and Roll theme day, where the girls will dress and act out one of their favorite songs. They are also having a Mom and Me Luncheon in May, where the girls will be putting on a summer fashion show for their moms.

The troop has also taken on a special project for this year. They have sponsored a humpback whale and are learning about protecting the environment around us. To conclude this project, the girls (with their families) will be taking a trip to Boston to visit the New England Aquarium and to cruise the Boston Harbor.

We wish to thank all the girls and especially our cookie parents for a successful cookie sale this year.

GRANGER SCHOOL BROWNIE TROOP 579

It has been a busy and very fun year. We are finishing up with our fifth try-it patch and enjoying some outside activities finally.

Some of our field trips included a walk to Peter-jons for ice cream, a walk through Mitch's Nursery at Christmas time, and a skate at the Rollaway. We also had a gymnastics class at Tim Daggett's with Troop 582 from Phelps School.

We took a trip to Heritage Hall to decorate the Birthday Boards for April and spent some time with the residents on a Saturday afternoon. Just last week, we attended an outing for Brownies at Laughing Brook with a very informative guide and hands-on experiences and earned another try-it.

We are finishing up our meetings in May with a combo awards ceremony and birthday party for all, and one last outing in June—What will it be???

PHELPS SCHOOL BROWNIE TROOP 582

A field trip was planned in April to Laughing Brook as part of working towards another badge. We did a field trip to Tim Daggett's and participated in Girl Scout Sunday as well as the Rollaway with all of the Agawam Unit Girl Scouts.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL BROWNIE TROOP 567

Our troop recently took a hike around our school anticipating the spring weather. Most recently, we took a trip to the Springfield Symphony Hall to see the ballet, *Sleeping Beauty*. The girls also got to meet the dancers, ask them questions, and get their autographs!

Let us know what you have planned to end the year. Send all correspondence to Gail Borkosky, 151 Barry St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - from Page 41...

During the February school vacation, the students visited the Pediatric Exercise Testing Laboratory at Baystate Medical Center to participate in maximal treadmill testing designed to measure oxygen consumption and other physiological variables. An echo cardiogram was taken before and after the exercise.

In addition to keeping records on the children's heart rates during exercise, Mrs. Martel had to prove that a change in nutrition did not enter into any changes in the children's cholesterol levels that might be discovered at the end of the study. A random sampling of 12 children kept detailed logs of their eating habits for a period of three days.

After 10 weeks, the children repeated their nutritional logs in order to show that their eating habits had not changed.

Mrs. Martel praised the parents of the children for their help and cooperation in transporting the children to Baystate Medical Center for the testing and for their help in keeping the nutritional logs. "The parents have been great," she said.

The children will benefit from the study by improving their fitness levels and learning their cholesterol levels, as well as learning the importance of exercise in a healthy lifestyle, according to Mrs. Martel.

As an educational experience, the children will gain hands-on experience in scientific research methods as they observe and interact with professionals in the medical field.

According to Mrs. Martel, the research study grew out of conversations she had with Dr. Rowland last summer. Last spring, she read an article mentioning Dr. Rowland in a physical education journal and decided to take advantage of having a nationally-known expert in children's health so close to home.

Fitness As A Lifetime Commitment

Mrs. Martel soon discovered that Dr. Rowland

shared her philosophy that physical education should be based on activities that would promote fitness as a lifetime commitment for all students.

Mrs. Martel said the two soon agreed to collaborate on a study investigating the physiological changes that occur in children during exercise.

As adult heart disease has its roots in childhood, the study will provide valuable information on the effects of exercise in pre-pubescent children. Mrs. Martel noted that little research has been done on this age group and the study can help Physical Education teachers to determine what effect exercise has on children's physiology. "We need to know if what we're doing is appropriate and valid inside the body," she commented.

The children, who are participating in the study with their parents' permission, will each receive a T-shirt and \$15 at the end of the program.

Over the April school vacation, Mrs. Martel visited Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. as a guest lecturer to speak to Physical Education classes on the value of traditional physical education, with its emphasis on physical fitness testing as opposed to activity-based programs that encourage students to find a physical activity they enjoy that will promote a lifestyle of exercise and activity.

The students participating in the study are:

Elise Alfano, Tiffany Bigelow, Nikouri Brown, D. Cavanaugh, Laura Charest, Katie Curran, Jen Harvey, Ann Marie King, Becky Long, J. Lungarini, Jennifer Marr, J. Modzelesky.

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Justin Gorman, Peter Hopkins, Jason MacKay, Michael McGrath, Dom Montessi, Andy Mutti, Dan Rice, N. Tetreault, A. VonMarshall.

Kids From Bambi School Raise \$118 For Easter Seals

Youngsters from Bambi School, Agawam, hoped to help people with disabilities this past February, raising \$118 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

During the week prior to the February 23rd event, the children learned about disabilities—what causes them, how disabilities affect people's everyday lives, and the equipment used to cope. After that, they were ready to help.

Each child secured pledges from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for men, women, and children with disabilities.

Easter Seal services include summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for independence, support groups for people recovering from strokes, and information and referral services.

Last year more than 18,000 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising nearly \$250,000. The HOP-N-ING is sponsored by T J Maxx and Business Equipment Depot.

Superintendent's Symposium Set For May 12th At AHS

The Agawam High School Superintendent's Symposium, focusing on education beyond the year 2000, will be held Thursday, May 12th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The symposium is open to the general public, parents, teachers, students, and community members. Please join us for an evening of discussion.

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Thursday, May 12th: School-made meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, Italian blend vegetables, bread and butter, jello w/topping or chilled fruit, milk.

Friday, May 13th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven French fries w/catsup, fresh carrot sticks, chocolate pudding or fruit cup, milk.

(NOTE: Please purchase tickets on Monday for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Boy Scout Troop 78 Conduct Enjoyable Overnight Campout

Boy Scout Troop 78's April campout was quite enjoyable, in spite of the weather. The theme of the campout was "lashings."

Congratulations to the Panther Patrol for making their campsite the most efficient campsite in the whole troop. Thanks to Danny Barber, Leon Connor, Josh Kaelble, and Brian Landry for teaching the new scouts various scout skills.

The Troop from the Springfield Turnverein had many advancements. Andy Siana, Evan Conkey, Mike Kirk, Mark Urrea, Mike Gruecki, Gregory Mantolsky, Matt Szoka, Pat Kelly, Dan Shepard, Geoffrey Cushing, Bruce Linder, Stephen Pilegi, Bill Bond, Chris Bergeron, Dan Boissoneault, and Eric Hogan all made the rank of Boy Scout.

Brian Landry, Joe Leparoti, Scott Harris, Brad Harris, James Boriewicz, Arthur VonMarshall, and John Bitgood received the First Aid Merit Badge.

Chris Fennyery made the rank of First Class. Mike Hogan advanced to Star. Joe Andreoli and Brian Landry received their Computer Merit Badge, and Justin Kratoivil received Home Repair.

Ariel Nunez, Justin Kratoivil, and Leon Connor received their Communication Merit Badge.

The Murder Mystery Camporee will take place May 6th-8th at Moses Scout Reservation. Each event will test the scout's skills. They will be awarded up to three clues depending on how well they perform each task. The first patrol to solve the question, "Who dun' it?" wins.

Mayor Welcomes Girl Scouts On Govt. Day



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON welcomes local Girl Scouts on Agawam Government Day at Town Hall. From left - Nicole Koehler, Marjorie Bilodeau, Megan Landry, Mayor Johnson, Rebekah Adams, Amy Jensen, and Jennifer Pease. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Kids' Place Raises \$2,601 For MDA



THE KIDS' PLACE, INC., recently raised \$2,601.35 on behalf of Ron Dutton, Jr., and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Ron was a student at The Kids' Place in Feeding Hills during his preschool and kindergarten years. Chris Casella, the director of the Springfield Street location, presents a check for funds raised by students through a Hop-a-thon. Receiving the check is Ron Dutton, Jr. accompanied by Ron Dutton, Sr.

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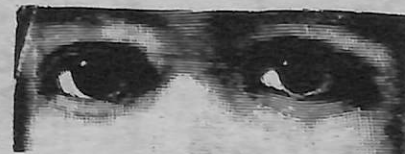
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Excellent Spellers At Phelps School Recognized At "Bee"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Benjamin Phelps School held its Annual Spelling Bee for students in grades two, three, and four recently in the school's auditorium.

Organized by Intensive Reading teacher Catherine Gaudreau, the contest seeks to recognize students who excel in spelling in their grade level.

As Mrs. Gaudreau explained, each classroom held a spelling bee to choose four winners to compete in the grade level competition with parents and classmates as the audience.

Trophies were awarded to the top two spellers in each grade level and all 12 grade level contestants received certificates of honor.

Mrs. Gaudreau chose the list of words for the contest from the spelling books used in each grade. Additional words were selected from the textbooks used in the classrooms to ensure that the words would be familiar to the students. Approximately 150 words were prepared for each grade and Mrs. Gaudreau noted that the second grade spellers were so proficient that they nearly ran out of words.

Interim Principal Robert Mumford welcomed special invited guest, retired Principal William Miller, parents, and fourth grade students and teachers to the fourth grade competition.

Mumford told the assembly that the earlier second and third grade competitions had produced some "seat-squirming" contests, adding, "I'm sure we'll have more of that here."

The 12 contestants entered the auditorium to the applause of the audience and mounted the stage to take their places.

Announcer Ann McLean explained that she would say the word and use it in a sentence. The students would be expected to say the word, spell it, and say it once again. Contestants were allowed one correction before repeating the word.

After eight rounds, Sarah Zaporta earned first place by correctly spelling "erase" and "avoid." Lindsay Morisset was awarded second place.

The spelling bee champs for grade two were Meghan Ennis and Krista Bertolozzi. Third grade winners were Julie Pontz and Christopher Martin.

After the fourth grade contest, Mumford praised the participants for their poise on stage as well as their spelling ability and he praised the audience for giving the contestants their attention and support. "I'm very impressed with the demeanor of the boys and girls of this school," Mumford said.

Teacher Donna Cecchi served as second grade announcer and teacher Susan Dukeshire served as third grade announcer. Donning official black judicial robes, Mrs. Gaudreau and teaching assistant Donna Rossi were the judges for the spelling bee.

The fourth grade winners will represent Phelps at the town-wide spelling bee for students in grades four, five, and six sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club at the Middle School.

Winners of the individual classroom spelling bees were:

GRADE 2 WINNERS

Nicole Roy, Elizabeth Mundo, Ashley Smith, Rebecca Dempsey, Celena Knowlton, Krista Bertolozzi, Teresa Bonavita, Lindsay Petrucci, Katie Ratkiewicz, Meghan Ennis, Amanda Hamel, Ashley Macey.

GRADE 3 WINNERS

Linda Kelley, Michael Peetros, Christopher Martin, Brittany Theriaque, Andrea White, Kristan LaGuercia, Christina Sticco, Daniel Sherry, Joel Howe, Tara Witte, Julie Pontz, Melissa Harrington.

GRADE 4 WINNERS

Lacey McKinnon, Amanda Blair, Monica Davilli, Sarah Zaporta, Jeffrey Zucco, Caira Dominguez, Lindsay Morisset, Brian Moore, Kevin Toto, Mark Bates, Joshua Lewin, and Lucy Young.

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON teaches Phelps School third graders about local government. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Third Graders At Phelps School Ask Tough Questions Of Mayor Johnson

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Escorted to Beth Robinson's third grade class by Brian Marsh and Tara Witte, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson recently fielded questions from the students that rivaled any press corps for their depth and insight.

On the way to Room 16, Johnson explained that he has often visited elementary school classrooms during his tenure as Mayor. Johnson added, "Frankly, they usually have a lot tougher questions than the adults." And Phelps students proved no exception.

Besides receiving a brief lesson in the history of Agawam and its present form of government, the children learned that Johnson has not yet decided whether or not he will run for a fourth term. "I won't be making that decision until next year," Johnson said in response to a student's question.

Johnson told the students he is an attorney by trade and would probably go back to practicing law when he leaves the Office of Mayor.

Is It A City Or Is It A Town?

Before opening the floor to the students' questions, Johnson explained how Agawam voters decided several years ago to directly choose their chief executive officer and voted to accept a city form of government with the mayor as its head. Johnson said that although Agawam is technically a city, "In my mind, it will always be a town."

To help explain the government structure of the town, Johnson drew a chart on the blackboard. "The voters are on top. Right below them is the Mayor with the Town Council on the government side and the School Committee on the school side. You guys are down here," Johnson gestured to the bottom of the School Department hierarchy of superintendent, principals, and teachers.

Making the decisions on how the town will spend its tax dollars is the hardest part of this job, Johnson told the children. "We're a large community and an active community and we're faced with all kinds of requests." Johnson used the analogy of having \$1 to spend and wishing to buy a candy bar, soda, and baseball cards totaling \$1.50 in price, to explain the budget process in a way the children relate to. "You have to make choices. You can have soda and a candy bar, but not the baseball cards," Johnson said.

Johnson said most of the town's decisions are based on how much money the town has to spend. "We're like anybody else. Like your moms and dads, we only have so much money to spend."

His single toughest decision was to turn off some streetlights rather than lay off teachers five years ago, the Mayor said.

Media Second Most Difficult Part Of Job

Next to dealing with budget requests, dealing with the media is the second toughest part of the job. Johnson told the students the problem is that newspaper stories don't always have all the facts and the people who pick up the papers and read the stories can get the wrong idea about an issue.

In the hour long question and answer session, the children learned the Mayor's views on term limits (he opposes them); his favorite food (pizza); and how he spends his time away from the job (playing golf and tennis and doing the everyday chores like mowing the lawn).

In closing, Johnson told the children they should be proud of how much their questions showed about their knowledge of government and the important issues of the day.

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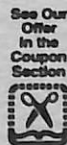
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School Committee Delays Vote On AIDS Curriculum Until May 10th

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After a year of talks between School Department officials and a group of parents opposed to the AIDS Prevention Education presented at Agawam High School in the spring of 1993, Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder was expected to recommend against all three of the requests submitted by the parents.

The parents had asked that an abstinence-based curriculum be used in teaching about AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases or provided as an alternative to the present curriculum for parents (who feel that demonstrating and teaching condom usage is educationally irresponsible and takes away the parents' rights to teach moral values to their children).

Parent Denise Fitzgerald said it wasn't enough for the students to answer correctly that abstinence was the only failsafe way to avoid contracting a sexually-transmitted disease. Mrs. Fitzgerald supported a directive approach, teaching core values as objectively true and good rather than the present curriculum (which assumes that teens will engage in premarital sex and therefore should be taught condom usage).

Rather than support the ideal of abstinence for teens, society has decided to support the failure

to remain abstinent with programs that teach condom usage, Mrs. Fitzgerald said.

Parent Larry White asked the School Committee to provide some consistency by using the same "just say no" message that is taught in relation to the use of drugs and alcohol.

Parent Ruth Bushey, a registered nurse with a background in public health, compared teaching condom usage to help prevent the spread of sexually transmitted disease with giving a parachute that works only 65 percent of the time to a child who was contemplating jumping off a roof.

Mrs. Bushey said it would take 10 years before the folly of wrongly-taught sex education became apparent. In support of an abstinence-based program, Mrs. Bushey said, "We can't protect all of the people all of the time, but we can protect the people who are willing to listen."

In criticism of the curriculum taught in Agawam, parent Sandra Conti said the course doesn't even mention the word "abstinence."

Mrs. Conti noted that the curriculum being used here was written by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which recommends that all school committees make condoms available to students in secondary schools.

In a move that took many of the parents by sur-

prise, the School Committee put off voting on the superintendent's recommendations until the next meeting.

Because the Mayor was unable to attend the meeting due to an auto accident, the committee voted to table the issue to the next meeting.

Mrs. Galarneau explained that the committee was taking that action so that the entire committee could give its attention to such an important issue.

Angered at what she termed an "underhanded thing," Mrs. Conti asked, "And then will you just keep pushing this off?"

After meeting the parents in the hall to explain the committee's action, School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni reported that the group left with "no hard feelings."

After the meeting, Mrs. Fitzgerald said, "We really appreciate her (Mrs. Pettazzoni's) thoughtfulness in explaining why they tabled in."

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she hoped the two-week interval before the next meeting would give the School Committee more time to think it over. She added that she expects the group will return next week with even more support.

Student-Teacher At Phelps School Raises Family Then Returns To Class

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Phelps School student teacher Susan Velis of Longmeadow, who describes herself as a "non-traditional" student in the post-baccalaureate program at Westfield State College, coordinated the recent visit to her class by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (SEE RELATED STORY).

Mrs. Velis said she put her teaching career on hold to raise a family after her graduation from college. With a daughter ready for college and two teenage sons, Mrs. Velis said the time was right for her to complete the student teaching requirement for her certification in elementary education. "Someone in the family always had a more urgent need and now it's my turn," Mrs. Velis explained.

When it came time to shop around for a teacher willing to take on the responsibility of supervising her practice teaching, Mrs. Velis was drawn to Agawam because her mother, Frances Murray, who passed away in 1984, had been a teacher at the Danahy School for 20 years.

I've always felt a sentimental attachment to Agawam," Mrs. Velis said.

In a story that almost sounds like her eight-week assignment at Phelps was somehow destined to happen, Mrs. Velis said she called the

school last fall and spoke to then Principal William Miller only to discover that he had been her mother's principal at Danahy.

"He found Beth Robinson for me as a cooperating teacher. He knew what he was doing—he did me a big favor," Mrs. Velis said. "Beth Robinson has been wonderful. The class is wonderful—courteous and respectful. They are real individuals who are respectful to one another."

Real Family Atmosphere

Noting the family atmosphere of the school, Mrs. Velis said it was especially gratifying to her that Miller, as well as other staff members, remembered her mother and were still interested in hearing about how her four daughters were doing.

The Mayor's visit to the class came as part of their study of government and the issues facing society today. "The kids were so excited about his coming," Mrs. Velis said. "They're learning about government and his coming made it all come home to them. Hearing him talk about the difficulty of making choices seemed to fit right into our book."

During their study of the town meeting form of

government, the children agreed to write letters to Vice-President Al Gore and to Philip Pike (administrator of Bondi's Island) on their concern about the air pollution caused by the dump.

Mrs. Velis said the letter writing campaign was a natural outgrowth of their classwork and gave the children an opportunity to follow through and take action on what they have been discussing in the classroom.

With the help of parent Alan Reynolds, a member of the Phelps School Improvement Council, the children have been working on their letters.

According to Mrs. Velis, Reynolds, who spends two mornings each week helping Mrs. Robinson with whatever needs to be done, is an "invaluable contribution to the class."

With the completion of her student teaching fast approaching on May 13th, Mrs. Velis is anxious to launch her teaching career.

"Beth (Robinson) has some great 'tricks' for classroom control. I'm learning so much from watching her. I can't wait to get out there and try these things out on my own class," Mrs. Velis said.

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Agawam Recreation Department Still Taking Registrations For 1994 Summer Day Camp

The Agawam Recreation Department is still accepting registrations for its 1994 summer camp. All recreation programs are offered on a "first-come, first-served" basis. There will be no phone registrations accepted for either summer camp or playtime. Only a parent or legal guardian may sign the forms pertaining to the recreation department's summer activities.

Registration for Perry Lane Park Day Camp and/or Playtime will be held daily (until full) Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office (located at the Agawam High School—right driveway, rear entrance [look for the signs]). All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam.

Perry Lane - Pre-School Playtime

A Pre-School Playtime will be run at Perry Lane Park for all children four and five years-old. Camp will run Monday, June 27th through Friday, August 19th. Parents MUST provide transportation. Cost is \$50 for the eight weeks. You may choose only one session. Camp will not be open on Monday, July 4th, 1994.

Session 1: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Friday Swim Lessons, 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

Session 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Friday Swim Lessons, 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

(Only a parent or legal guardian may sign the forms.)

Summer Day Camp - Perry Lane Park

The Town of Agawam, Parks and Recreation Department, will once again organize and run a summer day camp. The camp will be held at Perry Lane Park. This summer day camp will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning Monday, June 27th and ending Friday, August 19th. The camp will be available to all town children who have completed kindergarten to 13 years of age. Camp will be closed on Monday, July 4th, 1994.

Registration forms will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning Monday, April 25th. **Only a parent or legal guardian may sign the camp forms.** Registration will be taken until the camp has reached its maximum. An eight-week program will be offered along with four two-week programs.

Eight-week session: June 27th through August 19th, 1994. Cost: \$350 with bus transportation; \$200 without transportation.

Two-week session: June 27th through July 8th, 1994; July 11th through July 22nd, 1994; July 25th through August 5th, 1994; August 8th through August 19th. Cost: \$100 per session with bus transportation; \$50 per session without transportation.

Camp will run rain or shine. We will only cancel camp if there is a severe weather situation. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS (1450 A.M. or 94.7 F.M.). If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456 or 467. This program is NOT a built-in babysitting service. If an unforeseen problem does arise, the camp will close immediately for the health and safety of campers and staff.

Two buses will run along the main bus routes in Agawam and Feeding Hills for those who wish transportation. The buses travel set geographic routes and make prearranged stops. The scheduled time for each stop will be printed in the *Agawam Advertiser* during the last week of June.

Your child will have to bring his/her lunch. There will be **no snack bar** available, so please send your child with a nourishing lunch and drink so that he/she will have enough energy for the full day. We suggest the lunch be placed in a small cooler or lunch box with a freezer pack to keep everything cool rather than a paper bag.

Please send your child with a swim suit and towel every day as the pool will be used on a regular basis. Camp will follow a daily schedule of activities. Each and every camper will be expected to participate in the scheduled activities which will include swim lessons, arts/crafts, fishing, archery, sports camps, games, and complete use of the wooded area.

Exceptions will be made for medical reasons, provided the camper has a doctor's note. Field trips will be conducted on a weekly basis to the Rollaway, museums, movies, and other places of interest. You will receive a schedule of daily events.

The camp fee is not refundable for any reason, nor transferable to other children attending camp (even if your child is suspended for disciplinary problems). Fighting/stealing will not be tolerated. You will receive prior notice before the suspension occurs.

If your child has to leave camp early or change any normal pick-up plans, he/she will not be allowed to leave unless he/she has brought a note or the person picking up said child has a written note from the parent/guardian confirming. We are

asking for this information only for the protection of your child.

Perry Lane Park - Pool Fees

Perry Lane Park is open to all residents year-round (no fee). The fee and charges will only be for pool use and special rates for large picnic groups using the pavilion. All facilities such as the tennis courts, horse shoe pit, volleyball court, etc., are open to the public but can be reserved for clubs or groups who wish to reserve by calling the Recreation Office (786-0400, ext. 456).

Perry Lane Park Pool

The pool will be open on Father's Day weekend beginning Saturday, June 18th, 1994 (weather permitting), and will be open daily for the summer through Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, 1994. Hours for pool members and the general public will be 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made for special group events or exceptionally hot weather. **No disposable diapers will be allowed in the pool.** Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Seasonal Pool Pass

Senior citizens	\$20 per person
Adults	\$25 per person
Children (under 16)	\$15 per person
Family (three or more children)	\$65 per family
Family (one or two children)	\$50 per family

Daily Pool Charge

Adults	\$1.00 per person
Children under 6 years of age	Free

Picnic Charges For Groups Using Pavilion

(No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed At Any Time)	
1-25 people	\$30 plus pool charge
26-50 people	\$50 plus pool charge
51-100 people	\$100 plus pool charge
101-250 people	\$150 plus pool charge
251-up people	\$200 plus pool charge

Agawam Adult Tennis Club

The Agawam Adult Tennis Club will hold its first organizational meeting of the 1994 season on Saturday, May 7th, at the Perry Lane Courts at 10:00 a.m.

Agawam Horse Shoe League

Calling all adults who would like to take part in a horse shoe pitching league at Perry Lane Park for the coming summer!

An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perry Lane Park horse shoe pits.

Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

This is a co-ed recreational volleyball league which will be held in the evening hours at Perry Lane Park. An organizational meeting will be held at the park on Saturday, May 7th, at 10:00 a.m. A beach sand court for your fun and pleasure is available.

Camp Rainbow For Special Needs

Applications are still available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam. Applications may be picked up in the Recreation Office or at the Special Services Department of the Agawam Public Schools.

Camp is held Monday through Friday at Robinson Park School beginning Tuesday, June 28th, 1994 and ending Thursday, August 11th, 1994. Deadline for filing applications will be May 27th, 1994.

Campers will be chosen by the Special Services Department. If your child is accepted, a camp fee of \$150 is due and payable on or before June 28th, 1994.

Registration for the following programs begins on Monday, June 6th, 1994, in the Recreation Office.

There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that we are experiencing severe weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS (1450 AM or 94.7 FM). If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

Adult Swim Lessons

Adult swim lessons will be held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. at the Perry Lane Park pool beginning on Monday, July 11th through Wednesday, August 10th, 1994. The cost for the lessons will be \$25 for the 10 lessons.

Youth Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be offered at the Perry Lane Park pool to those children four years-old and up who are not attending camp at Perry Lane.

The lessons will be held twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday mornings beginning Tuesday, July 5th through Saturday, August 6th, 1994. Cost will be \$15 for the 10 lessons. Class will be 10:00 to 10:50 a.m., or 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

Insurance

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover the hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department programs. Please note: you enter these programs at your own risk.

AHS Teacher Steve Files Receives Cable Award In Wash., D.C.

Continental Cablevision Chairman and CEO Amos B. Hostetter Jr. presented one of 15 national 1994 Educator Awards to Steve Files, Music/Choreography teacher at Agawam High School, during ceremonies on Thursday, April 28th, in Washington, D.C.

Continental's annual Educator Awards recognize innovative uses of cable television's technology and programming to enhance classroom learning.

Files and the other winners were chosen from among local finalists in nearly 3,000 schools across the country. These schools work with Continental Cablevision as partners in its "Education Connection" initiative, which includes the Cable in the Classroom program in which teachers use commercial-free cable programming to enhance their curriculum.

"Continental Cablevision is proud to honor these outstanding educators who have used cable television so creatively to enrich their students' learning experiences," Hostetter said.

"All of use at Continental Cablevision in Western Massachusetts are pleased for Steve Files, whose dedication and innovation have made learning more exciting, more meaningful, and more fun for students at his school," said Geoff Little, Continental's V.P. and General Manager. "It is clear that both teachers and students are becoming more comfortable with and adept at working with television and, in doing so, are now taking control of this powerful medium and putting it to work in exciting and sophisticated ways to enhance education."

Choreography teacher Steve Files had 12 juniors and seniors create their own modern dance to The Weather Channel Classroom program to demonstrate that, like dance, all weather has elements of rhythm, movement, and patterns.

The students first viewed examples of how The Weather Channel programming was used in more traditional settings such as science classes. Segments from different Weather Channel programs were then shown to get the students brainstorming on how to improvise dance movements that copies or were inspired by weather patterns.

The students next watched a full Weather Channel Classroom segment on winter weather, after which they broke into small groups and created 30-second dance interpretations about an aspect of weather that they had learned. The students "performed" their work for each other then broke down the individual movements to explain their process in creating each piece.

Continental Cablevision honored the 15 Educator Award winners with an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. During their stay, the teachers participated in a special C-SPAN cable television program, met with their Congressional representatives, and at an awards luncheon, shared their thoughts on education with Mr. Hostetter; Dr. Linda Roberts, Special Advisor on Educational Technology, U.S. Department of Education; and Congressman Richard H. Lehman (D-Calif.).

Nancy Larkin, Continental's corporate Vice President for Community Relations, noted that many of this year's winning projects went far beyond simply using cable TV's commercial-free educational programming as a classroom teaching tool.

"Several of the Educator Award winners and their classes actually produced their own television programs," Larkin said. "That is particularly gratifying, because it helps accomplish another of Continental's major educational goals: teaching today's generation of students to become 'TV literate' so they are prepared to effectively navigate tomorrow's Information Superhighway."

The annual national Educator Awards program is just one facet of Continental Cablevision's extensive commitment to education. Other initiatives in the company's "Educations Connection" effort include:

- Cable in the Classroom, which provides free cable connections and service, more than 525 hours of commercial-free educational cable programming each month, and curriculum and technical support to nearly 3,000 schools nationwide.

- "A Different View: Changing the Way Kids See TV," a new TV literacy initiative providing children, parents, and teachers with a complete tool kit of resources to help young viewers to use TV more selectively, critically, and constructively.

- Direct support to students in the form of video production training, scholarships, adopt-a-class and adopt-a-school programs, and Continental's "A-Plus Team: Ambassadors in the Classroom" employee volunteer program.



Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

An SAT Update

Over 120 juniors will be taking the SAT—the Scholastic Assessment Test—on Saturday, May 7th, 1994. This marks the beginning of the new SAT testing program which consists of two major parts.

SAT-I: Reasoning Tests - Includes revised and expanded versions of the current SAT Verbal and Mathematical tests. The SAT-I Verbal and Mathematical component is structured as follows:

* **Verbal** - Two 30-minute sections plus one 15-minute section; no antonym questions; increased emphasis on critical reading questions.

* **Math** - Two 30-minute sections plus one 15-minute section; calculators are permitted; includes questions that do not have answer choices to choose from.

Additional 30-minute section of either Verbal or Math which does not count toward student's score.

SAT-II: Subject Tests - Consists of various subjects (enhanced versions of current achievement tests) and includes a new writing test and other tests designed to be useful in course placement decisions or in evaluating English language proficiency.

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one sitting. The tests are in: Writing, Literature, Foreign Languages, History, Mathematics, Sciences, and other areas.

What are the benefits of the new SAT?

1. Tests containing elements more closely resembling what students are asked to do in the classroom; for example, the student-produced responses proposed for the math section of SAT-I and selected subject-matter tests as well as the direct writing measure that appears in the SAT-II Writing Test reflect classroom tasks typically required of students.

2. Reading passage items that assess the kinds of interpretive and evaluation skills that students are asked to use in their high school and college careers.

3. More time for certain tests, such as in SAT-I enabling students to demonstrate their skills more fully in these areas while reducing possible text anxiety related to test "Speededness."

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Agawam Chamber of Commerce Scholarship - One \$500 scholarship will be awarded. To be eligible, a student must submit a 500- to 1,000-word typewritten, double-spaced essay. The essay must include the following information:

1. What or who has motivated or inspired you to pursue higher education and why?

2. What career goals are you pursuing and why?

3. How did you choose your career goal?

4. Provide a summary of the strengths you feel you have today that will help you achieve those career goals.

Deadline: May 16th, 1994.

SUMMER SCHOOLS - Serious Play Intensive Theater Training, Smith College, July 11th through 23rd, for students 15 years and up, \$365.

Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?" (May 7th—May 13th)

* May 7th - Saturday:

Agawam Spring Clean-Up Day, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (All are welcome to lend a hand.)

* May 8th - Sunday:

Happy Mother's Day! (Why not make a card for Mom?)

* May 9th - Monday:

Granger School - Grade 1, Rms. 19 & 20, Field Trip to Storowton Village.

Middle School - PTO Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., cafeteria.

* May 10th - Tuesday:

½ Day of School (Teachers' In-Service).

* May 11th - Wednesday:

Robinson Park School - Rms. 15 & 20, Field Trip to Springfield Museum.

Middle School - Heritage Hall visitors, Rms. 203 & 204.

* May 12th - Thursday:

Middle School - Rm. 307, Field Trip to Old Deerfield.

* May 13th - Friday:

Clark School

- Kindergarten Screening.

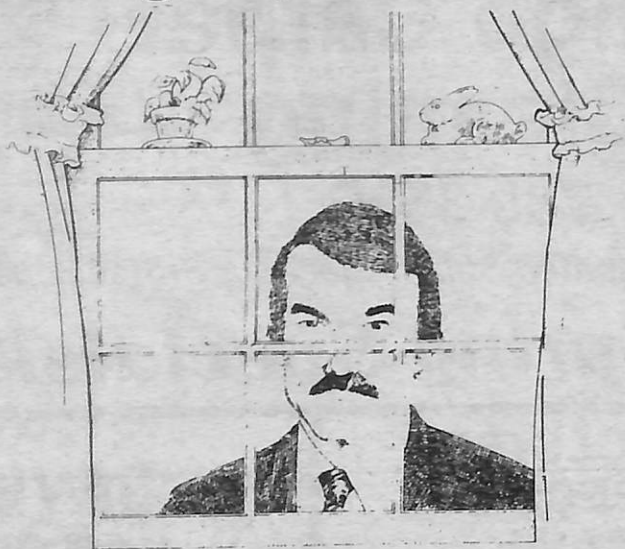
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AHS Bands Return To Town Triumphant From Toronto Trip

The day was March 28th, 1994; the time was 5:00 a.m. The sun still had not risen, but for students in the Agawam High School concert, jazz and marching bands, colorguard and indoor colorguard, and also four of Agawam's foreign exchange students, the day was already well under way.

Suitcases and equipment were frantically loaded into two large buses and a truck in order to leave by 6:00 a.m. We were all off for four days in Toronto, Canada, where we would compete against 17 other bands representing 15 different states.

After 10 hours on the bus, we finally arrived in downtown Toronto, a beautiful and clean city. We spent the rest of our first day shopping in a mall that covers two blocks and is four stories high. We began to REALLY enjoy the trip!

On day two, our first performance day, we were awakened by a group of dedicated band parents who had stayed up all night outside our rooms on guard duty.

Our toes were tapping as the jazz band did a wonderful job performing before a panel of three judges. Then a quick uniform change for the jazz band members and soon the concert band was before the same panel. Both times we received a 10-minute adjudication from a judge. It had been a long day for which we had all worked very hard, and luckily our work had paid off. Both the concert and jazz bands did exceptionally well.

That night we went to dinner in a restaurant that was truly amazing. It was called *The Organ Grinder* and not only was there live music played on a huge organ, there was live dancing provided by our very own junior, **Rob Parslow**. We went back to the hotel tired but looking forward to the marching and colorguard performances the next day.

The next day, wearing our brand new uniforms (worn only before in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade), white shoes and foot-high feather plumes, we put on our marching review for yet another panel of judges. There was also a small parade. The colorguard showed off in their brand new uniforms, worn for the very first time. Then, it was the indoor colorguard's turn to shine, and shine they did. They went out onto the gymnasium floor and gave a stellar performance. And, then it was over. We came, we saw, we conquered and only had the rewards left to come.

In between all of our work, we managed to fit in some sightseeing. The main attraction that we saw was the CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the world. For people with a weak stomach, avoid this building! The elevator was enclosed by glass and traveled at the rate of two stories per second! The Hard Rock Cafe was also a popular spot.



THE AGAWAM HIGH JAZZ, CONCERT, AND MARCHING BANDS pictured during rare spare moment in Toronto, Canada.

The awards ceremony was held on our last night in Toronto, and even though we were all fighting back the urge to fall asleep, we still had the best to come. Here it was—the results of a year's worth of dedication and hard work...

The jazz band took first place in our division and then received the best rhythm section award. In addition, two of our players were honored by receiving outstanding player awards. Senior **Steve Munley** and junior **Genevieve Rose** both were recognized for outstanding solos.

We then took the overall highest score award in jazz band, scoring the highest out of every com-

peting jazz ensemble! The concert band received a silver medal rating, taking third place in our division. The marching band received silver medals for both review and parade (rated as excellent), but the crowning moment of the night was when the indoor guard received a gold medal for Agawam (beating long-time rival Abington High School for the first time this year). Superior and First Place!!!

Home it was for us. It was a very successful trip, and we returned very satisfied with our efforts. Now for a little sleep ... *please!!!*

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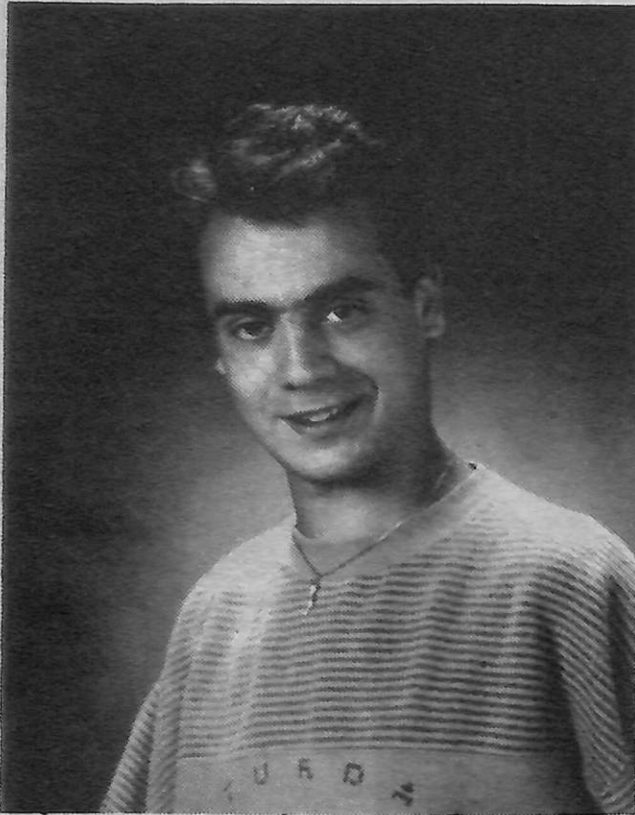
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KEVIN DEVENO

Kevin Deveno Earns Dean's List At Mount Ida College

Kevin Deveno, a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School, has been placed on the Dean's List at Mount Ida College in Newton, MA.

Kevin is a junior and is living in Boston at this time. He has placed second in his class and is majoring in occupational therapy.

Kevin is the son of Janice and William Deveno of Feeding Hills.

Agawam AFS Seeking Host Family For 1994-'95 For Girl From Barcelona, Spain

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking a host family for the 1994-95 academic year for a 17 year-old girl from Barcelona, Spain.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes. The most important things a host family can provide are open arms and a kind and understanding atmosphere. And the experience can last a lifetime.

In the 1994-95 year, Agawam AFS will be celebrating its 20th year in the community. AFS is the oldest and largest student exchange organization in the world, as well as the second largest volunteer-based organization in the world. Over 3,500 students from over 55 countries are hosted by everyday American families each year.

Agawam AFS has an 11-member community chapter that is responsible for placing students in the community each year. But the Agawam AFS Community Chapter is also closely involved with the foreign students and their host families throughout the year. There is a large and active AFS student club at Agawam High School. All AFS students on the year program are members of the senior class at the school with the same rights and privileges as the American students.

Agawam AFS also has a member of the school's faculty acting as the official advisor to the AFS students throughout the academic year.

AFS International is responsible for liability insurance as well as full medical coverage. Agawam AFS also provides some monetary assistance to the students (mostly school-related).

Currently, Agawam AFS is hosting five foreign students, four girls and a boy. The countries include Chile, Portugal, Czech Republic, Switzerland, and Sweden.

Also, Agawam AFS is sponsoring an Agawam High School senior who is currently spending this academic year in Mexico. This summer, Agawam AFS is helping to sponsor a student for the summer program to Ecuador and another for a full year to Denmark.

If you are interested in hosting our 17 year-old from Barcelona, Spain, or are interested in obtaining more information about being a host family, contact Al Machia at 786-0114; AHS faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at 789-1400, extension 421 (weekdays); or Ric Sardella, chapter president, at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (evenings).

Early Childhood Kids Help Easter Seals

Youngsters from Department of Special Services Early Childhood Center, Feeding Hills hoped to help people with disabilities on March 28th, raising \$1,024 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

The children spent the previous week learning about disabilities — what causes them, how disabilities affect people's everyday lives, the equipment used to cope. After that, they were ready to help.

Each child secured pledges from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for men, women, and

children with disabilities.

Easter Seal services include summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for independence, support groups for people recovering from strokes, and information and referral services.

Last year more than 18,000 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising nearly \$250,000. The HOP-N-ING is sponsored by T J Maxx and Business Equipment Depot.

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Sports

A Hard-Fought Victory...

AHS Girls Win 5-3 Over S. Hadley In Softball Action

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Brownies came into the game with an undefeated slate. South Hadley had already lost four games in the early going. It looked like a mismatch from the start.

But the Agawam High girls' softball team found itself trailing 3-1 in the fifth inning before sounding the attack and battling back for a tough, hard-earned, and gritty 5-3 victory last Friday afternoon in Agawam.

The Brownies generally run the bases with reckless abandon and bother the devil out of their opponents. But a solid shortstop and a strong-armed catcher completely shut down the Brownies in the early going and embarrassed them several times in the process.

Lauren Seymour went the distance to pick up the victory on the mound, but she had to be wondering where all the runs were from the offense. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fourth.

The Brownies got a two-out double from Chris Bousquet in the first and she stole third alertly. But she was left stranded. In the second, South Hadley got a break when Kate Vivenzio began an eventful inning in rightfield by botching a routine flyball.

The runner moved up on a sacrifice bunt, but Vivenzio made a fine stab of a hot liner for the second out of the inning. Bousquet would drop a throw from April Rapa at short to extend the inning and a base on balls loaded the balls. The next hitter lobbed a high, twisting flyball in the wind that was well beyond Vivenzio. She looked shaky chasing the ball, but she stayed with it and made an over-the-shoulder basket catch that drew a sigh from everybody at the game.

The Brownie running game let them down in the second when Cyndi Stone and Rapa both singled to get things going. Each runner moved up by stealing a base, but they were forced to hold their bags when Vivenzio whiffed and Seymour's flyball to center wasn't deep enough to score Stone. Seconds later, Stone got picked off third while doing the two-step with the catcher.

Stephanie Biza led the Agawam third with a walk, but she, too, was gunned down at second. That meant that a Courtne Hyland infield hit, a Becky Wing walk, a stolen base, and a wild pitch would do nothing to change the zeroes that were really beginning to mount on the scoreboard.

AHS Solves The "Puzzle" In The Fourth

Seymour moved the Tigers down again in the fourth, and Agawam finally solved the puzzle in the fourth. Stone walked to lead off and Rapa singled to left. Vivenzio's perfect sacrifice advanced the runners, and Stone zipped all the way around on the play against the confused South Hadley defense. Agawam finally owned the lead, although it was by the skinniest of margins.

The eight and nine hitters in the Tiger lineup got themselves aboard via base hits in the fifth. And the top of the order came around for the third time. The leadoff hitter smoked a triple to right centerfield that plated two runs, and the Tigers were excited about their 2-1 lead.

Seymour looked to be getting out of further trouble when she induced a pop-up on a bunt and then got a strike out. But the cleanup hitter drilled a double to left that had the Tigers with an insurance run. They led it 3-1.

The Brownies got even in their fifth. Wing walked and was wild pitched to second and then third. Bousquet walked and then got thrown out rounding the bag. Wing scored on the play to trim the deficit to 3-2. One out later, Stone singled and went to third on a two-base error. Rapa became a hero by rapping a two-out single that scored Stone and tied the game at three all.

Seymour gave up a lead single in the South Hadley sixth, but Hyland came through by catching the runner stealing.

Agawam won the game with Tiger wildness by being patient at the plate in the sixth. Seymour, Hyland, and Wing would all walk and Bousquet hit a sacrifice fly for one run, and a wild pitch brought in another one as the Brownies went on to win 5-3.

Seymour induced three straight comebackers (one to end the sixth and the first two in the seventh) and then fired strike three past the final Tiger batter.

Times Getting Tough For AHS Boys' Baseball...

Defensive Lapses Help Propel Lions To 5-2 Verdict

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After ripping off five straight wins to start the new season, the Agawam High baseball team has fallen on hard times of late. Last week, they dropped a 2-1 game in Northampton and kicked away a 6-3 game with Westfield. On Monday afternoon, they hoped to reverse that trend against the visiting Ludlow High Lions.

Those hopes went unfulfilled as the Lions invaded Brownie country and left town with a 5-2 victory.

For the second time in a week, the visiting team showed up a half-hour late for the ballgame, thus pushing the action deeper into the afternoon. The Lions' bus broke down on Route 291 en route to the ballpark, and they had to be rescued.

Brian Anderson got the start on the mound for Agawam. He allowed a one-out walk in the first, but picked the runner off first and his mates came up to bat for the first time.

And when they did, it appeared as if the afternoon was going to be mighty enjoyable. Mike Domaingue did the leadoff thing to perfection, as he had an 11-pitch at-bat which culminated in a walk against the Lions' lefthander.

A wild pickoff throw put Domaingue in scoring position and he moved up on an infield tapper. Brian Colby slammed a single to right and plated Domaingue. Colby swiped second and rode home easily when Brian Klinakis creamed a ground rule double to rightfield. One out later, Jon Jacobsen murdered a low liner to center that was speared by the centerfielder.

The Brownies' Defensive Infield Woes

Agawam's recent defensive infield woes continued in the second inning. A lead single was erased when Klinakis gunned the man down trying to steal on Anderson's first pitch. A walk and a stolen base followed, and then Carm Battista made a fine stab diving towards the third base line to save a run-scoring hit. He jumped up and fired a strike to first base.

As the runner tried to make third, Jeff Campbell made an ill-advised late throw back across the diamond. The throw hit the runner and bounded away, allowing him to score Ludlow's first run of the day.

Two-out hits by Jim Baldyga and Domaingue had Agawam in business in its half of the inning, but Campbell's soft liner to short ended the threat.

The third inning was not a thing of beauty for Agawam. Ludlow played little ball and Agawam didn't defense it well. A lead single to left got things rolling and then an attempted sacrifice bunt went for another hit. The next batter bunted back to Anderson (who threw late trying to get the runner at third) and the sacks were loaded.

The Brownies appeared to get the break of the year when the next batter hit a two-hopper to Domaingue at second base. He fielded it cleanly and fed John O'Brien coming across the bag. O'Brien dropped the ball and the run scored.

But hold onto your hats, sports fans. The runner from first did not slide into second and he was ruled out along with the batter/runner. A botched double play turned into a real double play. And how about a little bonus time? The runners at second and third had to return to their respective bases! Agawam had dodged a bullet.

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AHS Girls' Tennis...

Girls' Tennis Oust Spartans, 4-1

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' tennis team rebounded from a disappointing loss to West Springfield by pinning a 4-1 defeat on the Spartans of East Longmeadow High on Monday afternoon.

Yvonne Hodel remained undefeated at first singles with her 6-0, 6-0 whitewashing of Kristin McMillan. Joana Monteiro-Grillo downed Nicole Ciocca at second singles 6-3, 6-4.

Agawam suffered its lone loss of the day at third singles when Brenda Borkosky came out on

Westfield Uses Errors To Escape Brownies, 6-3

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Many awaited the matchup between the Agawam High baseball team and the Westfield High team this year. Coach Lou Conte had his charges playing crisp, winning baseball in the early going, and many thought that the Brownies had a chance to upend the perennial area powers.

And do you know what? Agawam played them right in their face, but miscues on the infield spelled doom as the locals missed an opportunity during a 6-3 loss last Thursday afternoon at the AHS diamond.

The Brownies had screamed through the first five games on their schedule without a blemish before dropping a tough 2-1 decision in Northampton, courtesy of a two-run Blue Devil homer in the fifth inning. That game was interrupted by heavy rains, but the Brownies were unable to come back in their final two chances at the plate.

Against Westfield, it was nip-and-tuck throughout on a gorgeous spring afternoon. The Brownies took the lead in the home half of the second as Brian Klinakis led with a single to right and Joe Cecchetelli followed with a line single to left. Jason Votzak's squibber up the first base line moved the runners up, and Jon Jacobsen's bouncer to second gave the Agawam kids a 1-0 lead.

An unearned tally by Westfield tied the game in the third. Two singles sandwiched around an infield popup had lefthander Jeff Campbell in trouble. He walked the fourth batter of the inning and had to face the belt of the order with the sacks full and just one out.

Dom Pisano handled a toppler down the line and threw to the plate for the force for the second out of the inning. But he botched a follow-up grounder and the score was tied. Campbell extricated himself from further damage by working the backwards K on the next hitter.

Chad Kasperowski was getting the job done on the mound for Westfield and he got the Brownies in order in the home half of the third.

Westfield Takes The Lead

John O'Brien booted one at short for Agawam as Westfield had a baserunner with nobody out in the fourth. A wild pitch, a walk, and a single filled the sacks. A sacrifice fly to left gave the Bombers their first lead at 2-1. An infield hit to third loaded the bases before a soft line single over the bag at second gave the Bombers a 4-1 lead.

Agawam had no answers in the fourth, and Westfield got snuffed in the fifth when O'Brien made a super diving play of a line drive ticketed for leftfield (with a man in scoring position at second).

The Brownies got their rips in the fifth and almost got themselves even. Votzak singled to center and Jacobsen pounded a double to left-center with nobody out. Pisano chased Votzak home with a bouncer to short, and Mike Domaingue one-handed a single into rightfield that had Jacobsen crossing the plate to cut the lead to 4-3 in the process. Jay Peloquin bounced a hit-and-run bouncer to short. He was retired on the plate, and Domaingue was tossed out trying to get himself over to third on the play.

Domaingue started a nifty 4-6-3 double play in the sixth, but the middle of the Agawam order did nothing in its half of the inning.

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the short end of a 0-6, 3-6 stick with Lynn Borowiec.

Both doubles teams combined for easy straight set victories. Alison Jean and Lisa Savioli won at love against Dina Trevoito and Sara Ennaco at first doubles. Nikki Sawyer and Kirsten Decoteau waltzed past Jennifer Schmidt-Perez and Kelli Hayes by a 6-2, 6-2 count.

The win moves the Brownies to 4-2 on the season.

AHS Girls' Softball...

Central Falls Hard As Brownie Girls Erupt For 11-5 Win

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The undefeated Agawam High Brownies are making a habit out of coming from behind this season. And they had to do it again last Wednesday (April 27th) when they battled back to down Central High's Golden Eagles 11-5 at Agawam High in schoolgirl softball.

It would be a Katie Vivenzio triple to rightfield that would tie the game in the third, and a Kate LaBreck RBI single to center that would put Agawam in the lead for good in its five-run third inning.

A base on balls, a beautiful bunt single, and a squibber in front of the mound loaded the sacks for Central in the second. Then a fielder's choice, a Cyndi Stone wild pitch, and a throwing error by catcher Courtnee Hyland would account for a 3-0 Golden Eagle lead.

Walks by April Rapa and Stephanie Biza began a brief Agawam rally in the home half of the inning. Hyland rescued Rapa with the Brownie's first run when she rapped an RBI hit to left. It was 3-1 going to the third.

Stone rallied back from her shaky second inning to whiff two batters and got the Eagles in order in the third. Agawam came to the plate after being exhorted by Coach Debbie Lickley.

After LaBreck's hit gave them the 4-3 lead, Hyland came through again with a line single through the shortstop hole to plate two more runs, and the Brownies had a 6-3 advantage at the end of three.

A lead single in the Central fourth was compounded when Biza made an error at second. Ultimately, an infield ground-out would bring Central back within two runs.

In the fourth, the Kate tandem of Vivenzio and LaBreck would bang out run-scoring hits again as Agawam pushed its advantage to 9-4. Central would pick up another run in the sixth when Chris Bousquet dropped a throw a first base, but Agawam got that run back in the bottom of the frame when Melissa Troie walked with two outs and came trotting home on Hyland's third (key) base hit of the game—a triple that was plastered to deep leftfield.

Becky Wing got her teammate home with a single to center to account for the final margin of victory.

Agawam Little League Major League Standings As Of April 30th

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Mushy's Recreation Yankees	2	0
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Aga. Police Assoc. DARE Orioles	2	0
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Valenti's Rest. Red Sox	0	2
Hastie Fence Athletics	0	2
Bridgeport National Royals	0	2
Soda & Pet Food City Dodgers	0	2

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Now there were two outs and runners at second and third. The ensuing argument took about 10 minutes and the sun went out and hid behind the clouds, and Anderson and Klinakis were trying to keep themselves warm.

Naturally, the next batter roped a two-run single to leftfield that plated the two runners and turned out to be the game-winning hit.

Ludlow shut down Agawam the rest of the ballgame and picked up insurance tallies in the fourth and fifth innings to account for the final margin.

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Westfield led the seventh with a bloop single, but a nifty pickoff play worked to perfection to erase that runner. It could have been a huge inning if it hadn't worked because a base hit, another error on Pisano, and a screaming double drove home two more runs as Westfield went on to win.

Agawam went quietly in the seventh as Kasperowski retired the last seven hitters (recording eight outs in the process) to finish the game strong.

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Agawam Express Soccer Team Defeats Brookside Boss

In boys' U12 soccer action in PVSL Division 1A, the Agawam Express played the tough members of the Brookside Boss at Kiley Junior High School in Springfield on April 28th.

Five minutes into the game, a Brookside player from the left side took a hard shot at goal that hit an Agawam player in the side and went in. At the half, the score remained the same, 0-1.

With five minutes left in the game, Thivan Bui made a quick pass to Frank DeCaro, who fired the tying goal. Agawam started to attack with many shots on goal. With approximately one minute left in the game, Barry Ward dribbled up the left side of the field, beating two defenders and blasting a shot from the 18-yard line to score the go-ahead and winning goal.

Special efforts by Edwin Torres in goal and Danny Marsili in the sweeper position gave great defensive efforts. The Agawam Express stands at 1-0-1.

Meeting Slated For The Possible Formation Of Ag. Senior Golf League

"Veteran" golfers are seeking to form a golf league for seniors in Agawam. Any golfer who is 60 years of age or older will qualify; the objective of these individuals is that enough golfers will sign up for the proposed league.

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Bob Johnson Leaving Sports Editor Post...

So Long, Agawam - It's Been Real

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

By now, a lot of you have heard the news trickling around this large town that I will no longer be covering this beat as of close of business next week. I really didn't think that anybody would expect me to end my little personal reign of terror without a few flashbacks.

First of all, this was a tremendously diverse little journey causing me to stop and watch sports that I had never previously seen, and then ranging all the way up to baseball—which, of course, is the King of the Hill.

I would like to thank Ric Sardella for the opportunity to offer my unorthodox style to his weekly publication. Truth be told, I spent more time mad at him than I did happy with him, but that is certainly not to say that I ever stopped liking our beloved publisher.

The man paid me every week and he believed in what I was doing. Every time I asked for a raise, he went to the vault for me. For a while there, he was wearing quite a path.

He also LOVES his sports. And he loves Agawam, too. We probably had a thousand discussions about Agawam sports and the Celts and the Sox and the Pats and the Bruins and all the rest.

But, nobody loves sports better than me—except for possibly superfans **Dave Gallerani** and **Dom Pisano**. My God, those two guys were everywhere that I was! Just a couple of townies getting out to every ballgame. There are a lot of people who aren't doing too much that might want to take a queue from these guys. High school sports are a lot of fun.

There are a lot of people that I am going to miss from my work here at *The AAN*. The coaches are the first people that pop into my mind. What a conglomeration of personalities and talent!

For instance, half the time, I went to the boys' basketball games just to see **Mike Martin** coach. It was like looking at my clone on the sidelines. He knows his basketball and he coaches his butt off. The kids go wild for him on the court, and he keeps them into it with his theatrics from the bench.

He is one SUPER bench coach. He doesn't know the X's and O's like a lot of guys do; he is the one that told me that. But, basketball is a game of emotion and flow, and nobody in this area can crank a team up like that big guy. Nobody!

Lou Conte (by the way, these are in no particular order) is a fantastic coach. Hey, I have seen him do everything from freshmen baseball to girls' basketball to varsity baseball, and I do not believe that I ever questioned a coaching decision that he has made.

This young man has a reputation that reaches far and wide. He breaks down everything into its finest detail, and he teaches it in bite-size chunks to always-willing participants. You don't see a guy like this more than once or twice in a generation, and I invite all of you to go see his baseball team play. Some people say that they will be unbelievable in a year or two. I say this season is far from being over; this club can win Western Mass this year.

Phil Tomkiel has won so many championships in a row with that wrestling program that people have lost count. Can you believe that? Most teams try like a son of a gun to win Western Mass

once—Phil has won eight straight. Is it eight?

There is no question that I spent more time with this coach than any other on the grounds. Those faraway wrestling tournaments and those extended smoke breaks had us "On the Road Again" more often than not.

This little guy is so motivated to win and to compete that he lives and breathes his sport. The future Minnechaug Regional High field hockey coach gets it done with surgeon-like techniques, confidence, tradition, and high expectations. The kids really challenge themselves and they get challenged by the coaching staff, too. The unbelievable ups and downs that we experienced at the state tournaments might forever rank as some of the most vivid memories that I ever had in sports.

Phil and Gary Geiger, and Tom Cascio, and Tony Langone, and Matty Blackak, and Paul Papadakis were just a few of the coaches and superfans that rode that particular roller coaster with me. It was remarkable how high the tension levels would reach in a one-on-one sport. If there are some of you who have always been curious—you HAVE to spend a couple of Wednesday nights at Clifford P. Kibbe gymnasium next winter.

By the way, Westfield is next year's supposed pretender to the Western Mass throne. Phil, for the last time, get off me! You'll win Western Mass by at least 50 points. Just keep showing those guys how many pushups that you can do and they'll get the job done.

Debbie Lickley and her softball team usually won by so many runs that people never appreciated how well she can coach. Heck, in her first year, she had the group out in Spencer playing for the state title!

A tournament trip every year is accomplished by exquisite baserunning, smart decisions, and a lethal bunting game. None of that stuff happens unless it is executed properly, and that can all be attributed directly to the coach and her organizational skills.

She is a ball-of-fire that has been able to light those flames year in and year out. This lady has a lot of knowledge and a lot of pride, and both are evident as you watch her kids play.

Cyndi Grieve is another coach who applies her craft with a lot of precision. She runs her charges through drills until they are coming out of their ears, and her kids believe in her 100 percent. She's not real good at choosing sports, but she enjoys building programs and she does a beautiful job.

An ever-present smile and a wonderful listener, she'll bleed a little Brown and Orange for ya. There was never a time when this coach and this reporter had a problem with each other. We may have been far apart on one particular issue, but we have a tremendous mutual respect for one

another.

How about the football coaches while I was here? ... First, **Joe Modzelewski**. And now, **Dean Vecchiarelli**. Talking football is a pleasing pastime for me, and both of these guys talked a lot of football with me over the last five seasons.

Trying to win in a "self-proclaimed" football town carries big pressure. Neither guy won a helluva lot of games while I was here, but I will say this—Agawam High PLAYS FOOTBALL! And the kids know football after listening to their coaching staff.

During five years, there have only been two or three stinkers turned in by the AHS gridiron gang. Almost every game was a nailbiter, and almost all of them were entertaining. I didn't feel the losses as badly as they did because I go to a game to be entertained. And they came through more often than not in that department.

Both guys have approached the position in a business-like manner, and both were constantly trying to improve the ballclub. A weight room is an unquestionable necessity, and I think that this town (and the residents therein) should band together and get them a super facility. They want to win, my friends, and they will do so if they get a little stronger. Use Cathedral for Exhibit A. And remember, there is no time like the present.

Soccer made its impact on me from the start. I had never seen it, so I had to learn it from the coaches. Guys like **Bill O'Brien** and **Dick Cowles**, and **Mike LaZazzera**, and **Dwight Northrup**, and **John Hyland** and a couple thousand fans all took turns in alerting me to things that were happening.

Another fellow who had an impact on me in that realm was **Ed Merrill**, the timer at the games. He and I shared a couple hundred hours in the press box, and I'm unsure if I have ever met a guy who shared so much time on my frequency. We had conversations ranging from A to Z, and he is a really bright guy with some solid opinions.

From that group, it is Coach Cowles who jumps out at me. I remember thinking on more than one occasion that I would be so proud to have that man coach my kids. I'm going to steal a line from my friend **Eric Lunden** when I say this, but there is "not a lot not to like" about Dick Cowles. Eric was talking about former AHS student **Tommy Briggs** when he said it; I am talking about Dick Cowles.

It is not specifics about Cowles that I am talking about—it is just a feeling that I had when I was around him. When I used to do all of my bellyaching about the fighting on the soccer fields, Dick understood me.

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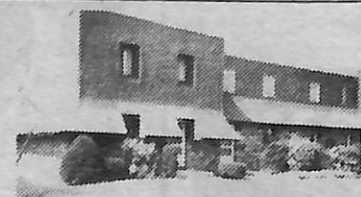
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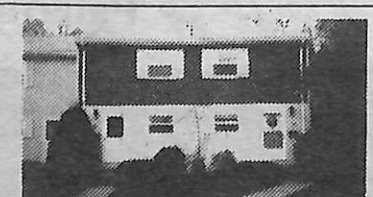
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I know that there are times when the speed and power necessary to perform well in the sport caused inevitable brief confrontations. But, the asinine "Let's Brawl" machismo bravado made me uncomfortable. It is so unnecessary.

Girls' soccer has been in the capable hands of Bill O'Brien for my entire tour, and he has his group play with a "We'll Get 'Em In The Playoffs" mentality that proved right more often than not. A gritty team guided by a confident coach. He and I had some of the most interesting conversations about his team, and I always enjoyed them.

Contact with the tennis, swimming, skiing, track, gymnastics, and golf teams were far fewer for me. The amount of spectators at those sports was appalling, actually (save for a few fine turnouts for hockey in the last three years or so).

Except for the ski team, I saw all of these teams at least once, and in some cases, 40 or 50 times. But, they received far less coverage than their big brother spectator sports drew. A lot of these interviews were done at practice or on the telephone because when they "bumped heads" scheduling-wise with something that had a thousand spectators, they always lost. Had the attendance numbers risen (even a little bit), they might have forced a decision on my part, but they never did. Apathy appeared to reign.

I can't imagine kids playing sports without their parents on hand. If it is possible to be there, wouldn't you think that you should be there? I realized all along that these sports were played in mid-afternoon and that it was difficult to get over there often.

But an occasional day off from work (or an hour or two off) wouldn't hurt anybody, and it would make your kid feel like a million. I will probably remember the 1990 Western Mass Tennis Championships were viewed by me and Mrs. Scaggs, and that's all!

The kids had gone on an incredible run under their especially lovable coach, **Mary Wolochowicz**, and nobody seemed to care. I cared and that team was one of my favorites.

Clifford Kibbe and **Kathy McSweeney**—the AD's. Now, there's a pair that it would take three of a kind to beat.

Cliff was finishing a long career and was ready to retire when I met him. But, in the two years that I was with him, it was a proud association. He loved every coach and every kid. Grumbling through every sentence (trying to be a tough guy), his

goodness just kept creeping out and every time I caught him, he would put on that smile and that snicker and we would move on to the next topic.

It has been written in these pages before that he reminds me of my dearly departed grandfather in voice, mannerism, and behavior. He affected me in the same positive way.

Kathy came to town with guns blazing and public sentiment running high against her. Unfair? Absolutely. Understandable? Ditto. Everybody thought that the popular Conte would get the gig, but the politicians chose Kathy and she was under the microscope. Heck, they probably had a tail on her as she came up the Pike from Boston.

But those critics have been almost completely silenced. The young lady came here with a positive and engaging spirit and attitude, and she has carried out her business in a highly professional and likeable manner. She appeared on my radio show upon her arrival, and we have hit it off in a big way ever since. So has just about everybody else.

(NEXT WEEK: A look back at some of the players and teams.)

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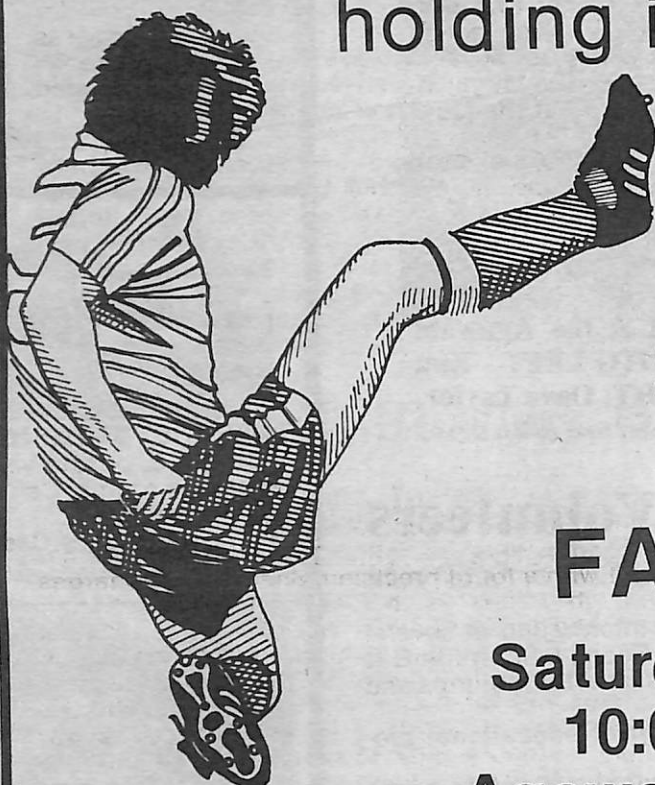
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American Legion To Hold Baseball Tryouts

American Legion Post 185 is having tryouts for legion baseball. The tryouts will be held at the Agawam High School field on Saturday, May 7th, and Sunday, May 8th, at 5:30 p.m.

All boys between 16 and 18 years of age are encouraged to attend. (This is the second year of baseball for American Legion Post 185.)

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Forest Park Zoo Needs Volunteers

In concert with the substantial enhancements of the Zoo In Forest Park, additional volunteers are needed.

Interested persons are invited to call for further information in several areas, including assistance in the Zoo's Discovery Room, help in the Gift Shop, and Volunteer Information Center, and office support in mailings and typing.

In addition, help is needed in Zoo tours, support of educational programs, fundraising, and landscape maintenance.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, noted that the Zoo is rapidly growing in the numbers of animals and in its educational programs. "It's a wonderful time to volunteer at the Zoo with all our enhancements and many spring births," he said.

Persons interested in receiving further information on volunteer opportunities are requested to call Barbara Lewis at (413) 733-2251.

The Zoo In Forest Park is now open seven days a week and features added exhibits, an expanded Gift Shop, as well as train rides and a concession stand.

The drive to raise at least \$10,000 in funds to provide Bandy the baby bear a special home at the Zoo is continuing. To date, slightly over \$6,000 has been raised.

Hodgman noted that the little bear cannot survive in the wild and must have a safe and secure home with as natural environment as possible.

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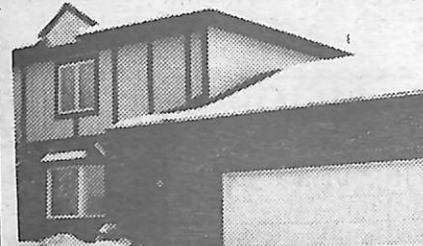


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Let's Get The Gobblers

The spring turkey hunting season is underway from May 1st to May 31st in Vermont. However, there has been a change in the number of turkeys you can take. The Governor has decreed that only one turkey can be bagged this season and has signed a proclamation so stating the bag limit.

Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Al Elser explained, "This action is a conservative response to the prolonged and severe winter conditions Vermont's wild turkey population encountered this year. The measure was necessary due to the short time between the end of winter and start of spring turkey season, which precluded making such a change through the Fish and Wildlife Board."

Excellent Fishing Reported

On a lighter outlook, the good news from my friend, Captain Bill Vanwormer of Lucky Dutchman Charters out of Feeder Creek Lodge, RD No. 4, Pulaski, New York 13142, on the morning of April 22nd and the morning of April 23rd, the fishing has been excellent, with catches of brown trout numbering in the teens for three anglers.

"We have been fishing Mexico Bay from Catfish Creek to the south side of the Salmon River, in water from five feet deep to 20-feet deep. The fish have been taking body baits off the board lines, which are basically just flat lines." (When up there this time of the year, my wife, Edie, and I use fly rods).

"A few fish have taken small flutter spoons three feet down on the riggers. The body baits that I like best right now are number 11 Rapala black and silver straight, Thunder Stick Jrs. in wilver with blue arrow heads on the sides, and the Rebel brown trout. I have also seen fishing taken by anglers casting from shore at the mouth of Sage Creek and at Selkirk Shores State Park.

"Our guide, Jimmy Southwell, was Steelheading yesterday in the small stream north of south Sandy and had an excellent day. The Salmon River and the Oswego River are both at flood stage and unfishable. We are hoping that the Steelhead will carry over into May."

As soon as I get the go ahead sign from my doctor, I will be heading north to join Bill for the good fishing that is sure to happen in the future this year on Lake Ontario.

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Here is something new being offered by Vermont this year. A new spring catch-and-release bass season.

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The non-resident fishing fees for nearby states: **Connecticut** - \$25.50; three-day, \$8; **New York** - \$35; five-day, \$20; **Rhode Island** - \$20.50; three-day, \$10.50; **New Hampshire** - \$35.50; three-day, \$18.50; seven-day, \$23.50; 15-day, \$27.50.

Massachusetts resident - \$12.50; non-resident, \$22.50; seven-day, \$16.50.

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Rookie Wins First At Riverside

Saturday, April 30th was an unusual night to say the least at Riverside Park Speedway for the 1994 season's first ACME five-division NASCAR special.

Even though there was a 70% chance of rain predicted, a huge crowd of 5,991 came out to witness one of the toughest short track events ever to be held at the quarter-mile facility. Still, the shining star in this event was a rookie, **Tom Jensen**, who showed great skill in the caution-marred main event to win his first Modified Tour type feature.

Dunk Rudolf led for the first 13 laps, then rookie Doug Meserve moved low to take the lead. For the next 10 laps, it was Tom Jensen who marched forward. On lap 20, Reggie Ruggiero was spun and pitted; this tightened things up, as Jensen took back the lead when Meserve scuffed the front wall (thereby losing a spot).

The next time around, Dan Avery was the new leader. At the halfway mark, Avery was hunted down by Jensen and another rookie, Tom Crevenho. Meanwhile, other frontrunning cars in this event included those driven by Marty Radewick and Bruce Dell.

As the field went back to green on lap 39, the front row of Dan Avery and Tom Crevenho pinched each other down the front straightaway; this set off a chain reaction that destroyed the top seven cars (Avery, the leader, was wrecked along with Crevenho, Rich Savary, Chris Kopec, Larry Miller, Dunk Rudolf, and Chris Kopec). Stan Greger was also involved in this major mishap, but he managed to return.

At this point in the race, Jensen was back in command. Doug Meserve was second, and a new battle for third was waged between Steve Park, Ed Kennedy, and Reggie Ruggiero. As the final laps ran down, it was Jensen followed by Meserve, Kennedy, Ruggiero, and Park. Sixth through 10th were Bobby Gee, Brian Schofield, Stan Greger, Fran Principi, and Tim Zambelli.

Jensen was quick to thank his family and exclaimed, "I can't believe it—my first Modified win during my rookie season!" It was a popular victory for the Wolcott driver.

Joe Lemay dominated the action-packed Pro 4 Modified event. It had been a race that was loaded with cautions; before the first lap, competitors like George Savary, Dan Meserve, and Ken Hirt tangled up.

As the 25-lap event went green, it was Renee Dupruis and Jerry Solimito came from the back of the pack and went up front. At the checker, Lemay won the event over J.R. Gorman, and third through fifth were Glenn Solimito, Dupruis, and Bill Sharp. Rounding out the top 10 were Chris Osella, Doc Marcenic, Ken Korhoenen, Tom Topping, and Jerry Solimito.

It was another rookie driver, **Barry Gray**, who dominated the Pro Stock race over Bill Lauridsen (who ran up front throughout the action-packed event).

John Lobo, Jr. finished a strong third over Dave Carusso, who came from the back. Fifth through 10th were Eddy Carroll, Tom Carey, Tom Fearn, Rit Dulak, Ted Hebert, and Jeff Horn.

It was as close to a photo finish as it ever gets in the Late Model feature; less than a bumper separated the drivers at the wire (this was so close that the starters had to help call the finish).

Winning his second race of 1994 was **Gee Perry**. Second went to Gary Fiormonti in this amazing finish, and third through fifth were Chuck Docherty (who came from the back), Ernie Tarca (an early leader), and Ed Haluch. Rounding out the top 10 were Marty Leary, Tom Keller, Rick Hartenstien, Glen Griswold, and Steve Fiefeld.

P.J. Pelc won the Strictly Stock feature over Rob Valerio, Bruce Battles, Scott Neleber, and Mike Salmond. Sixth through 10th were Chuck Alessio, John Rustic, Al Leone, Joe Arena, and Mike Kowalski.

This Saturday, May 7th, it's a NASCAR four-division special event at Riverside Park Speedway, with adult admission priced at \$10.99, and kids under 12 just \$2.99. The action starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tri-Parish Bowlers Head For Crunch Time

As the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League's third and final round enters crunch time, St. Mary (28 wins) continues to hang on, despite the advance of second place St. Michael (26 wins).

In the biggest battle of the spring season, St. Mary and St. Mike's squared-off in a pressure filled battle. St. Mary's winners were third roller **TERRY CERPOVICZ** (309) and substitute Captain **TIM SHEEHAN** (338), who rolled for his absent brother, **RICK SHEEHAN**. But this Sheehan could only barely defeat red-hot St. Mike's Captain **TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS**, who fired a great 337 (after experiencing several sub-par weeks). "Not Tony" Curtis rolled way above his average of 97.80 (second in Men's A) in this pressure-cooker match.

St. Michael's had two winners - leadoff **VENETA SNYDER** (274) and second roller **TERRY OUELLETTE** (288). In the stat department, Mrs. Snyder is fourth in Women's B at 89.34; Terry Ouellette is right behind in Women's B at 89.18; Terry Cerpovicz leads the Women's A at 94.79.

Third place St. Anselm (24½ wins) and fourth place St. Louis (22 wins) faced-off, with St. A's getting the better of it. St. A's winners were leadoff **AUDREY PHILLIPS** (261), substitute **JOHN REILLY** (279), substitute **RICH SNYDER** (365), and Captain **LOU MULDER** (310). Mulder upset **SCOTT MASSOIA** (303), the top dog in Men's A at 106.0. Mulder is fourth in Men's AA at 105. Audrey Phillips is third in Women's C at 84.6.

Fifth place Georgetown (20 points) and sixth place Notre Dame (18½ points) took to the lanes with G-Town getting the best of it, especially with two ND rollers absent from the battle. G-Town

winners were **BILLY ALDRICH** (259) and Captain **DEBBIE POIRIER**, who was spitting fire and brimstone because her opponent was supposed to be league strongman **AL MORRISON** (120.4 average). Al was a no-show but Debbie still maintained her fire when launching a huge 381 (her women's-leading average is 104.40).

ND had two winners - second rollers **CAROLINE COELLEN** (260-259 over DOT DREWAYNY), and third roller **GLEN ADAMS** (292). Caroline is third in Women's B at 89.53, while Adams still leads the Men's B at 99.7.

Boston College (7th place/17 wins) and sagging Catholic University (9th place/16 wins) next took the stage. BC winners were steady leadoff **STELLA BARBIERI** (310), substitute "Sweet" **LOU MASSOIA** (328), and third roller **VI MASSOIA**, "Sweet" Lou's wife (287). The only winner for CU was Captain **JIM SNYDER**. He soundly defeated his rival captain, **JOHN MLINEK**, 315-274. Snyder is third in Men's AA at 105.64. "Steady" Stella is second in Women's C at 87.66; Vi Massoia is fifth in Women's A at 91.59.

In the final match of the night, eighth place Fordham (16 wins) met last place Holy Cross (12 wins). Fordham had three winners - leadoff **RENEE JURY** (290), second roller **FRANK CERPOVICZ** (306), and Captain **OLLY MULDER**, the top roller in Men's AA at 108.48 (320). He thrashed HC Captain **LARRY VIENS** (290, 99.0 in Men's AA). The only winner for HC was third roller **DON STITT** (272). Don sits in first place in Men's C at 94.37.

Renee Jury is the leader in Women's B at 93.35 and Frank Cerpovicz is third in Men's B at 96.45.

AAN Golf Tip Of The Week...

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MIKE REID

The 1988 NEC World Series Of Golf Think Slowly, Move Slowly, And Swing Slowly

My father was a great fan of Julius Boros, and so it was only natural that when I was learning to play I was a fan of his, too. One of the things that impressed me about his game was how relaxed he always seemed. He did everything slowly: he ate slowly, he drove to the course slowly, he walked slowly, and he made a swing that appeared almost effortless. The only thing he did quickly was hit the shot. He didn't waste any time.

As a result, my game is dominated by rhythm and timing. I know it's important for me to take my time if I'm going to play well. In fact my caddy will often

remind me to keep it slow, and not just with my swing. It starts with how I walk up to my ball, pull the club from the bag, set up to the ball, and begin the swing. Everything has to be done with a nice, smooth tempo. If I get quick in any one part of my game, it upsets the rhythm of my entire game.

The other thing that I really pay attention to is my breathing. Very often, when you get under pressure, you tend to take a lot of shallow breaths, which reduces the amount of oxygen to your system and short-circuits your brain. You just can't think as clearly as you need to under the stress of competition. To guard against this, I really pay attention to how I'm breathing. This was particularly true in the 1988 World Series at Firestone, when I wound up in a playoff with Tom Watson and was able to win it with a par on the first extra hole.

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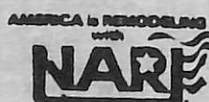
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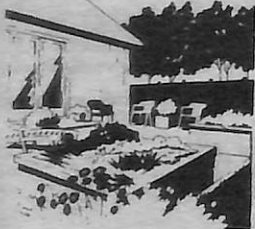
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